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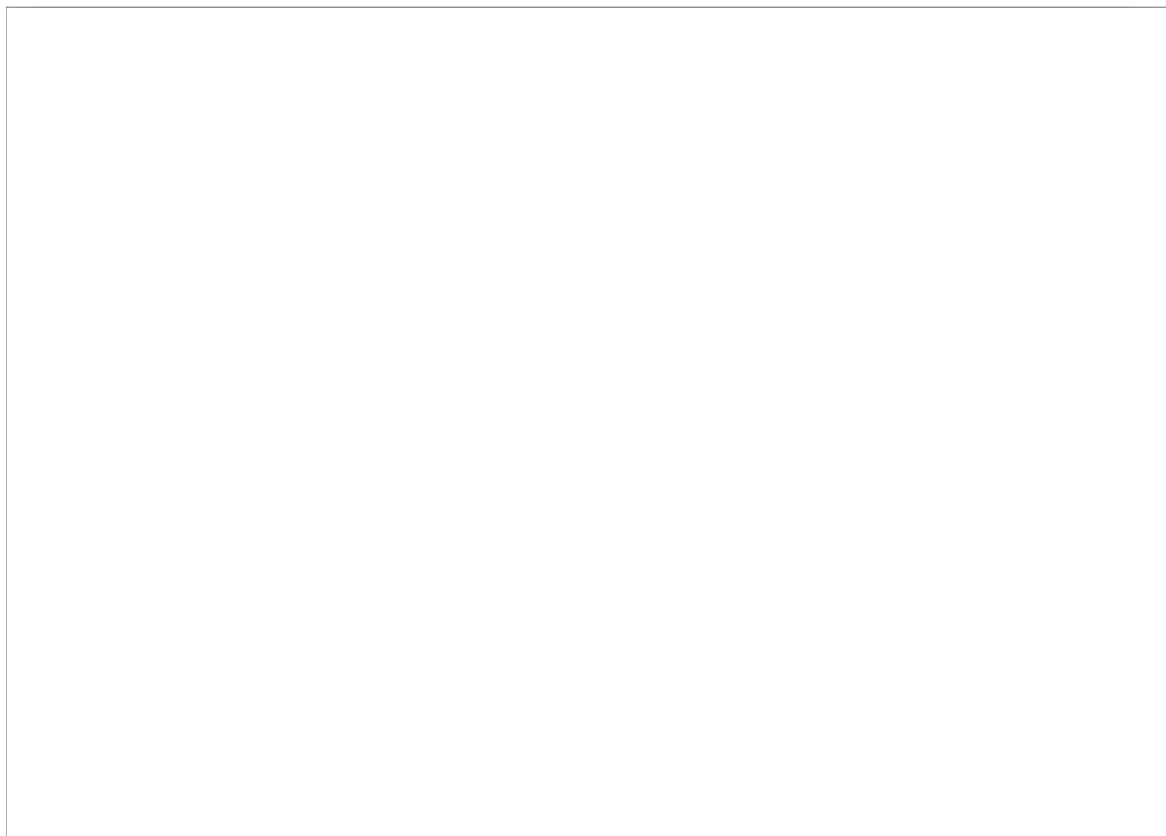


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1. (SBU) Below is a roundup of Mission Pakistan's Official-Informal submissions October 15-19, 2018.  
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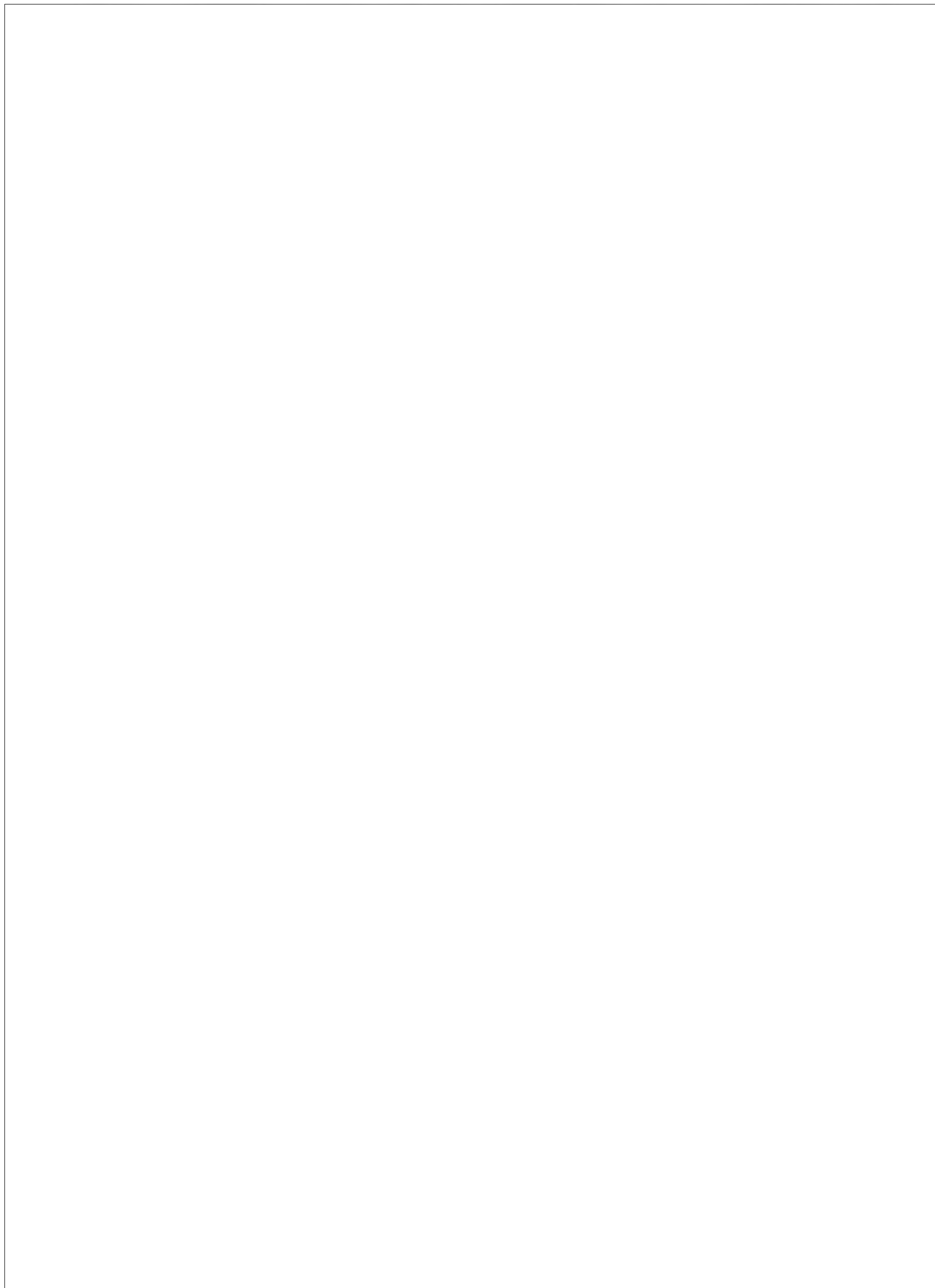
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8. (SBU) **PM Khan to Attend Saudi's "Davos in the Desert"; Decision Announced Same Day as Qatar FM Visits Islamabad:** The MFA announced October 19 that PM Khan will attend the October 23 opening of Saudi Arabia's "Future Investment Initiative" conference, despite the fact most high-profile attendees – including Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and IMF head Christine Lagarde – have decided to boycott the conference because of the alleged murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. The MFA said Khan will meet King Salman and Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman during his visit, which is intended to show Pakistan's "solidarity" with Saudi Arabia. This will be Khan's second visit to Saudi Arabia since he became Prime Minister. The announcement came on the same day Qatari FM Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani arrived in Islamabad, where he is expected to meet Khan and FM Qureshi. Al Thani is expected to discuss a Pakistan-Qatar LNG deal approved by the previous government now undergoing scrutiny for potential corruption. *(C. Goddard)*

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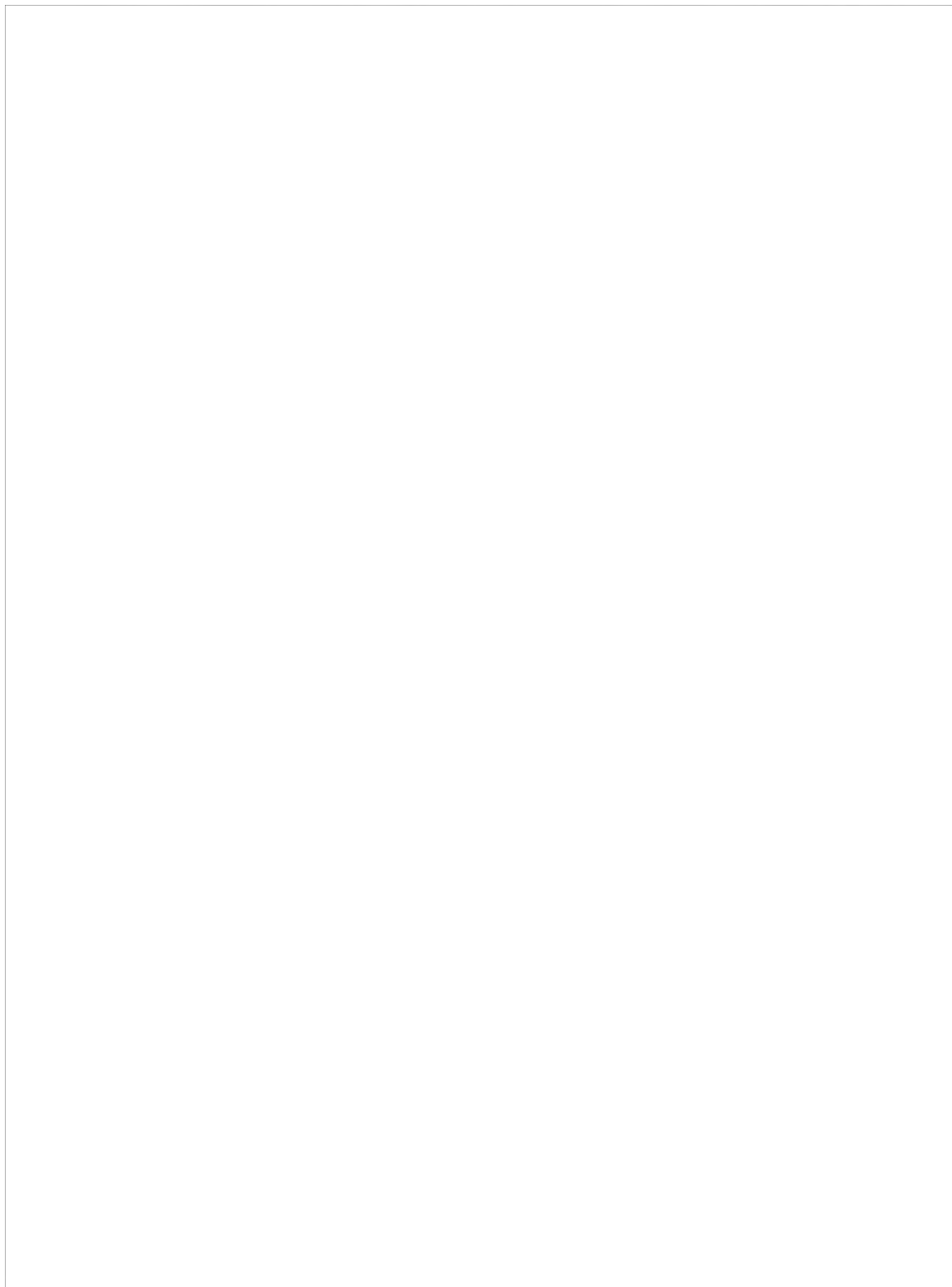
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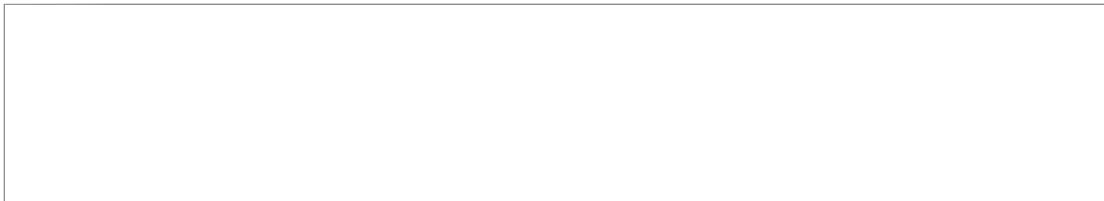


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# **1. ~~(C)~~ Key Points & Comment**

- In his first public foreign trip since the murder of Jamal Khashoggi, Saudi Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman (MbS) arrived in Abu Dhabi on November 22 where he was warmly greeted by Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and de facto UAE ruler Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan (MbZ) and a bevy of high-ranking Emirati officials.
- Emirati officials were at pains to reinforce the strength and durability of UAE-Saudi ties.
- Social media influencers got into the game as well with over 287 million Twitter interactions for #MohammedBinSalman in the UAE.
- Emirati media gave extensive, extremely positive coverage to the visit. However, it still had to compete for attention with MbZ's trip to France the day before and the November 25 Formula 1 race.



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*MbS Arrives in Abu Dhabi*

2. ~~(C)~~ Saudi Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman (MbS) arrived in Abu Dhabi on November 22, to discuss “brotherly relations and regional developments” as he kicked off a regional tour before he was scheduled to attend the G-20 in Buenos Aires. According to media, he was greeted not only by Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and de facto UAE ruler Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan (MbZ), but by over a dozen senior members of the Abu Dhabi ruling Al Nahyan family as well as numerous federal officials, including multiple cabinet ministers and the most senior defense officials. Later, in a separate, highly publicized meeting on the sidelines of the Formula 1 race, he met with UAE Vice President and Prime Minister and Dubai ruler Mohamed bin Rashid Al Makhtoum (MbR) as well as his son, Dubai Crown Prince Hamdan bin Mohamed Al Makhtoum.

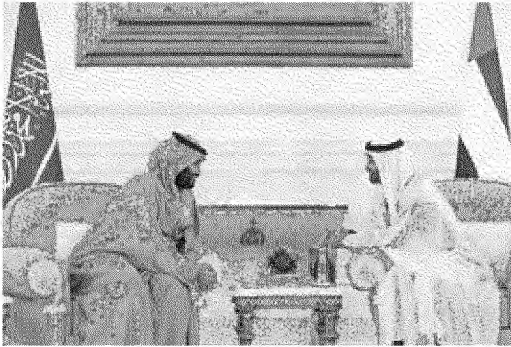


*MbS (left) and MbR (second from right)*

3. (SBU) Emirati officials, in both traditional and social media, went to great lengths to emphasize the quality of bilateral ties. Dr. Sultan al-Jaber, Minister of State and Chairman of the National Media Council said UAE-Saudi relations are “deep-rooted and supported by a shared vision aimed at development of our countries in the best interest of our brotherly peoples.” MbZ tweeted, “Delighted to welcome our state guest, brother Prince Mohammed bin Salman. We’re proud of our deep-rooted ties... UAE will always be a loving and supportive home for our brothers in Saudi Arabia.”

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Meeting of MbS (left) and MbZ (right)

4. (SBU) Social media influencers were also active. Noted businessman, government supporter, and social media personality Khalaf al-Habtoor tweeted a link to his latest article, “A Tribute to Saudi Arabia’s Great Reformer,” in which he lauded the reforms implemented by MbS and decried accusations surrounding the Khashoggi affair. The hashtag #MohammedBinSalman in the UAE saw tremendous activity and reached over 287 million interactions on Twitter over the weekend. Notably, Mohammed Khashoggi, nephew of Jamal Khashoggi, posted on Instagram about a “surprise” visit MbS made to a party Khashoggi organized on a super-yacht docked near the Formula 1 race festivities.



MbS (left) and Mohamed Khashoggi (right)

5. (SBU) The visit received substantial positive coverage, including multi-part photo spreads in the firmly establishment *The National* newspaper. Arabic-language *Al Khaleej* published an editorial rapturously praising the visit as “exceptional by all standards” and said it “wrote a new chapter in historical relations.” However, MbZ’s November 21 visit to France was given even more extensive coverage, particularly his meeting with French president Macron. Abu Dhabi’s November 25 Formula 1 race (and the many celebrities it attracted) also dominated local headlines.

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**Subject:** (U) NOTIFICATION OF GLOBAL MAGNITSKY SANCTIONS (SAUDI ARABIA, NOVEMBER 2018)

1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 3.
  2. (U) SUMMARY: On November 15, 2018, at 10:30 AM EST., the United States will announce the imposition of sanctions on 17 Saudi persons for serious human rights abuse pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13818, which implements and builds upon the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (the Act). As a result of these actions, all of these individuals' assets within U.S. jurisdiction are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them. Posts should note both the general and country specific points provided below. END SUMMARY.
  3. (SBU//NF) ACTION REQUEST: Washington requests immediate notification by: RIYADH, CANBERRA, OTTAWA, WELLINGTON, and LONDON. Washington requests notification at 09:30 AM EST, one hour prior to the action going live on November 15 at 10:30 AM EST. of: ANKARAH, ABU DABHI, VIENNA, THE HAGUE, PARIS, BERLIN, USEU, BRUSSELS, TALLINN, and VILNIUS.
- Embassies ANKARA, ABU DAHBI, OTTAWA, CANBERRA, WELLINGTON, LONDON, THE HAGUE, PARIS, BERLIN, BRUSSELS, USEU, TALLINN, VILNIUS, and VIENNA should deliver the points in paragraph 4 and background in paragraph 8. Embassies OTTAWA, LONDON, and THE HAGUE should deliver the additional points in paragraph 5 and Embassy RIYADH should deliver the points in paragraph 6 and background in paragraph 8.
- Points in paragraph 4, embassy specific points, and background in paragraph 8 may be left behind

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-- Additional note on visa action: Foreign government officials designated for financial sanctions under the E.O. may be subject to visa restrictions under Presidential Proclamation 8693, and the Department may assess whether they are also ineligible for visas under Section 7031(c) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Act, 2018 (Div. K, P.L. 115-141), Presidential Proclamation 8697 (PP 8697), and/or the Immigration and Nationality Act (the INA). Individuals that the Department identifies as potentially inadmissible under these authorities will have a relevant lookout in the Consular Lookout and Support System (CLASS), [REDACTED] The Department will contact posts regarding potential family members who may be ineligible under Section 7031(c).

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4. (SBU) BEGIN POINTS FOR EMB. RIYADH, ANKARA, ABU DAHBI, OTTAWA, CANBERRA, WELLINGTON, LONDON, THE HAGUE, PARIS, BERLIN, BRUSSELS, USEU, TALLINN, VILNIUS, and VIENNA.

-- On November 15, 2018, the United States will designate 17 individuals who were involved in the killing of Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Arabian Consulate in Istanbul on October 2. We wish to notify you/your government of these actions.

-- These persons are being designated pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13818, "Blocking the Property of Persons Involved in Serious Human Rights Abuse or Corruption," which builds upon the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act.

-- This E.O. authorizes the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, in consultation with the U.S. Secretary of State and the Attorney General, to impose financial sanctions on foreign persons determined to have engaged in serious human rights abuse or acts of corruption, among other things. In addition, the E.O. authorizes the Secretary of State to impose visa restrictions on persons designated pursuant to the E.O.

-- The United States is committed to protecting and promoting human rights and combatting corruption. These efforts advance a world order that reflects U.S. values and increases the security of the United States, our allies, and our partners.

-- As a result of these actions, all of these individuals' assets within U.S. jurisdiction will be blocked, and U.S. persons will generally be prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

-- In addition, we wish to highlight that persons in your jurisdiction who provide material support to these and other designated individuals could themselves become subject to designation. We recommend that you convey this to any companies, financial institutions, entities, individuals, or other persons in your jurisdiction who may engage in transactions with the designated individuals and/or entities.

-- Moreover, please note that any entity owned in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, 50 percent or more by one or more blocked persons is itself considered to be a blocked person. The property and interests in property of such an entity are blocked regardless of whether the entity itself is listed in the annex to an Executive Order (E.O.) or otherwise placed on the SDN List.

-- The USG will continue to review the case as additional evidence comes to light in the course of the investigation.

-- We look forward to working closely with your governments to foster a global community that shares our respect for human rights and an absence of corruption.

-- We are happy to consult with you regarding this action and look forward to the possibility of joint action in the future, should it be feasible.

-- In the immediate term though, we ask for your public statement of support for these actions.

5. (SBU) BEGIN ADDITIONAL POINTS FOR EMBASSY OTTAWA, LONDON, and THE HAGUE

-- We continue to be deeply appreciative of Canada's partnership, coordination, and cooperation on human rights and corruption related sanctions.

-- We ask that you take action on these designations with statements of support and where possible, sanctions of your own.

6. (SBU) BEGIN POINTS FOR EMB. RIYADH:

-- On November 15, 2018, the United States will sanction 17 Saudi persons for serious human rights abuse. We wish to notify you/your government of these actions.

-- The United States will take this step in connection with the initial results of your ongoing investigation into the killing of Jamal Khashoggi. As Secretary of State Pompeo noted on October 23, the United States will continue to explore additional measures to promote accountability for all those responsible for the killing.

-- The U.S. sanctions will be imposed pursuant to executive order (E.O.) 13818, which was issued by the President of the United States to build upon the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (the Act).

-- This E.O. authorizes the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, in consultation with the U.S. Secretary of State and the Attorney General, to impose financial sanctions on foreign persons determined to be a leader or official of an entity, including any government entity, that has engaged in, or whose members have engaged in serious human rights abuse or acts of corruption, among other things. In addition, the E.O. authorizes the Secretary of State to impose visa restrictions on persons designated pursuant to the E.O.

-- In addition, we wish to highlight that persons in your jurisdiction who provide material support to these and other designated individuals and entities could themselves become subject to designation. We recommend that you convey this to any companies, financial institutions, entities, individuals, or other persons in your jurisdiction who may engage in transactions with the designated individuals and/or entities.

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-- The USG will continue to review the case as additional evidence comes to light in the course of the investigation.

**7. (U) If Asked:**

**GENERAL IF ASKED:**

**(U) What is Executive Order 13818?**

E.O. 13818 authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, to impose financial sanctions on certain persons determined, among other things, to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have directly or indirectly engaged in, serious human rights abuse, or to be a current or former government official, or a person acting for or on behalf of such an official, who is responsible for or complicit in, or has directly or indirectly engaged in, corruption. It also authorizes designation of a leader or official of an entity, including any government entity, that has engaged in, or whose members have engaged in serious human rights abuse or corruption.

In addition, the E.O. authorizes the Secretary of State to impose visa restrictions on persons designated pursuant to the E.O. Using the authorities under the E.O., the United States will pursue tangible and significant consequences for those who commit serious human rights abuse or engage in corruption.

**(U) How is this action related to the Sergei Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act of 2012 (Russia Magnitsky Act)?**

E.O. 13818 builds upon the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act, which is a statutory authority distinct and separate from the Russia Magnitsky Act.

**(U) What is the purpose of Global Magnitsky?**

The Global Magnitsky sanctions program represents the best of the United States' values by taking impactful steps in protecting and promoting human rights and combatting corruption around the world.

Global Magnitsky's purpose is to: 1) disrupt and deter serious human rights abuse and corruption; 2) promote accountability; and 3) protect, promote and enforce longstanding international norms. We will continue to impose tangible and significant consequences on those who commit serious human rights abuse or engaged in corruption, and protect the financial system of the United States from abuse by these same persons.

**(U) Will you be sanctioning additional persons under Global Magnitsky in the near future?**

We cannot discuss potential or ongoing sanctions investigations; however, we would note that the Global Magnitsky sanctions program will have rolling designations throughout the year. Some of these will be similar to our large December 2017 action and some will reflect individual designations and maintenance actions. The size and makeup of today's action is not indicative of the size or makeup of future designations.

**8. (U) BEGIN BACKGROUND:**

-- On November 15, 2018, the United States will designate 17 Saudi persons for serious human rights abuse under Executive Order (E.O.) 13818 which builds upon and implements the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (the Act). As a result, the below individuals' and entities' assets within U.S. jurisdiction will be blocked, and U.S. persons will generally be prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

Individuals

(U) The following 17 individuals have been identified as involved in Jamal Khashoggi's disappearance and death:

- ☐ Saud al-Qahtani
- ☐ Maher Mutreb
- ☐ Salah Tubaigy
- ☐ Meshal Albostani
- ☐ Naif Alarifi
- ☐ Mohammed Alzahrani
- ☐ Mansour Abahussain
- ☐ Khaled Alotaibi
- ☐ Abdulaziz Alhawsawi
- ☐ Waleed Alsehri
- ☐ Thaar Alharbi
- ☐ Fahad Albalawi
- ☐ Badr Alotaibi
- ☐ Mustafa Almadani
- ☐ Saif Alqahtani
- ☐ Turki Alsehri
- ☐ Mohammad Alotaibi

END BACKGROUND

9. (SBU) If appropriate, Posts should report on the host governments' response and provide any additional relevant information. Please slug replies for EB, DRL, INL, GCJ, SP, EAP, and Treasury. Department POCS are EB/TFS/SPI Benjamin Kraut, 202-647-9452, [krautb@state.gov](mailto:krautb@state.gov) and Eric Sullivan, 202-647-9183, [sullivan@state.gov](mailto:sullivan@state.gov).

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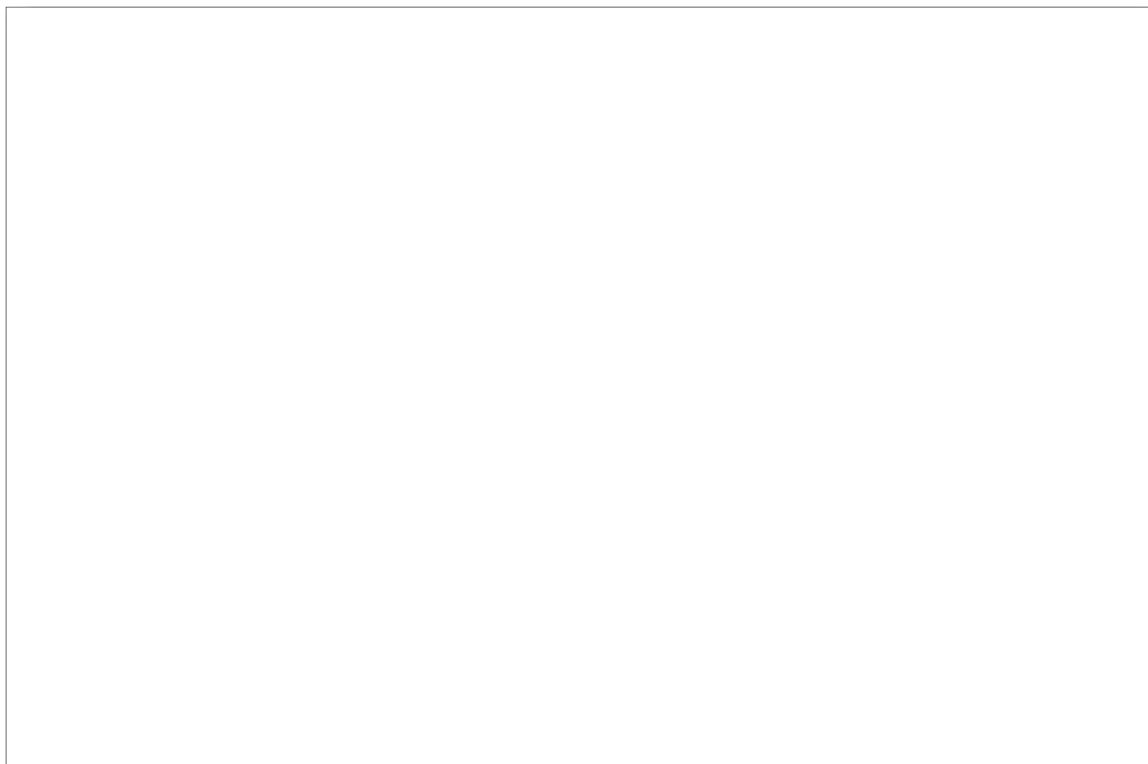


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**Turkey Daily Note  
November 13, 2018**

**Key Headlines**



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**French Claim Turkey is Playing Politics with Khashoggi Case Prompts Turkish Retort**

(U) Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said on November 12 that French criticisms of President Erdogan's handling of the case of slain Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi "went too far." Erdogan's revelation and German and Canadian confirmations that Turkey shared the recordings were widely covered in Turkish press, along with additional leaks about the case, including allegations that the team of killers told a contact in Saudi Arabia to "tell your boss" the mission was complete and alleged x-ray scans of the team's luggage showing cutting implements and an "electroshock device."

*(SBU) Comment: The case continues to dominate Turkish media, which has strongly criticized Saudi Arabia's handling of the case.*

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1. (SBU/~~NF~~) PolOff delivered reftel points on the United States position of sanctions on 17 Saudi persons for serious human rights abuse related to the killing of Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Arabian Consulate in Istanbul to Aiste Jakstiene, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Second Secretary of the United Nations, International Organizations and Human Rights Department. Jakstiene thanked post for the information and promised to follow up with a response on November 16 regarding the request to make a public statement of support. Any substantive response will be reported septel.

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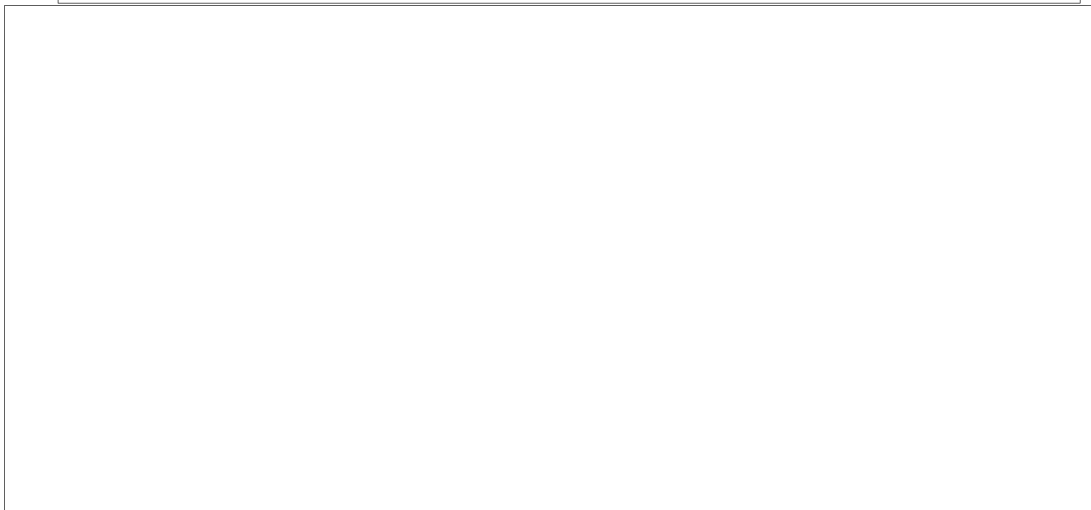
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## U.S. Values and Global Role

2. (SBU) During the Ambassador's first meeting with the Austrian parliament's foreign affairs committee, MPs asked whether the U.S. was still prepared to shoulder its role as moral leader in the world, with a strong commitment to values it shared with Europe (e.g., rule of law, human rights, fundamental freedoms). The committee chair, center-left Social Democrat (SPOe) MP Andreas Schieder, noted that the EU and U.S. "have more in common than what divides us." That said, however, he cited the recent presumed murder of prominent Saudi journalist Khashoggi as an incident where he "would have expected a stronger U.S. reaction." Right-populist Freedom Party MP Roman Haider wondered whether the U.S. still considered itself a "world cop," ready to defend fundamental



freedoms on behalf of friends and allies. Ambassador Traina pointed out that the U.S remains engaged globally on democracy and human rights issues, including USG support for efforts to combat human trafficking and other human rights violations. The U.S. reaction to the Russian annexation of Crimea, or to the Skripal affair, were clear examples of the robust U.S. commitment to human rights.

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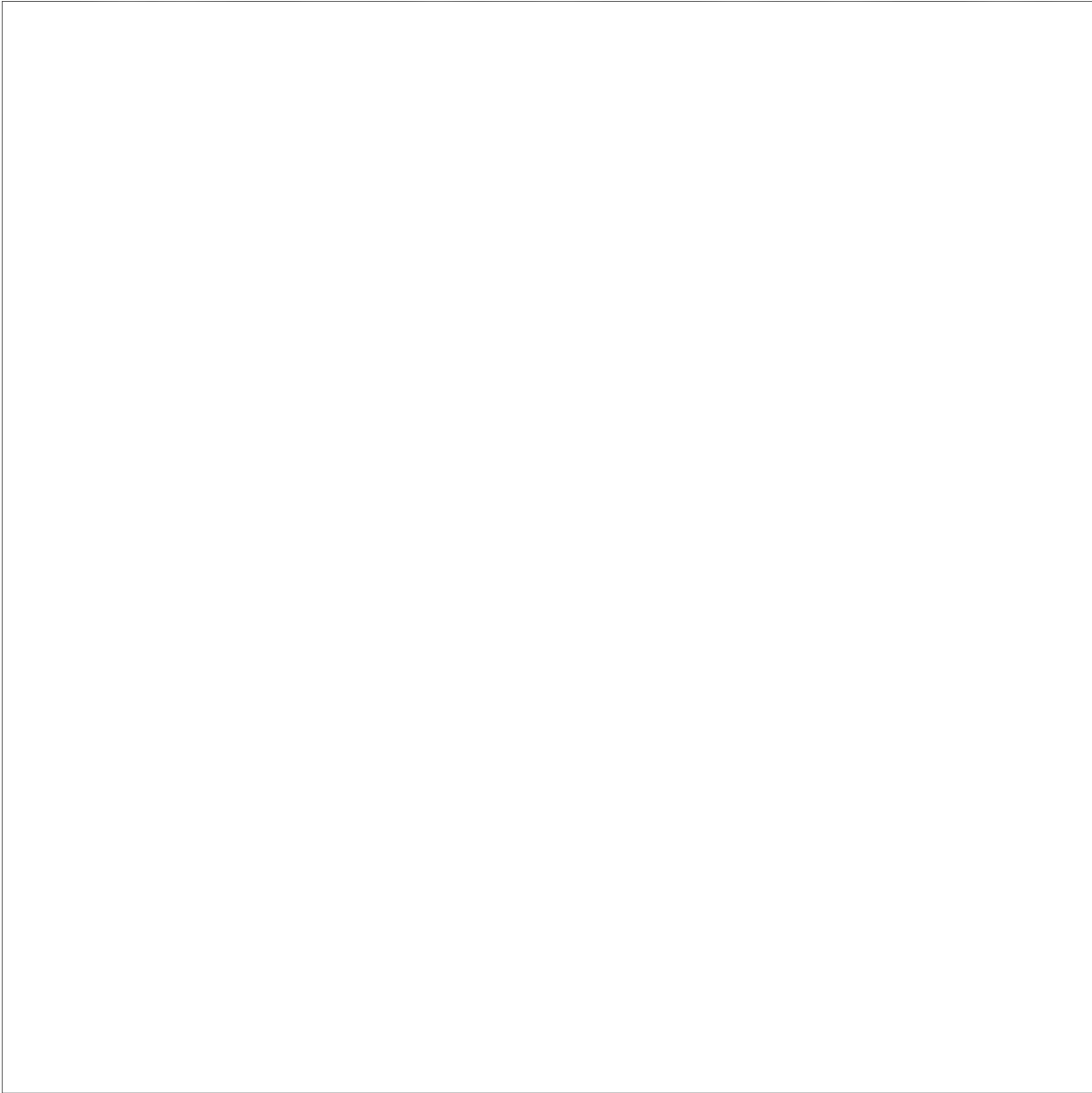
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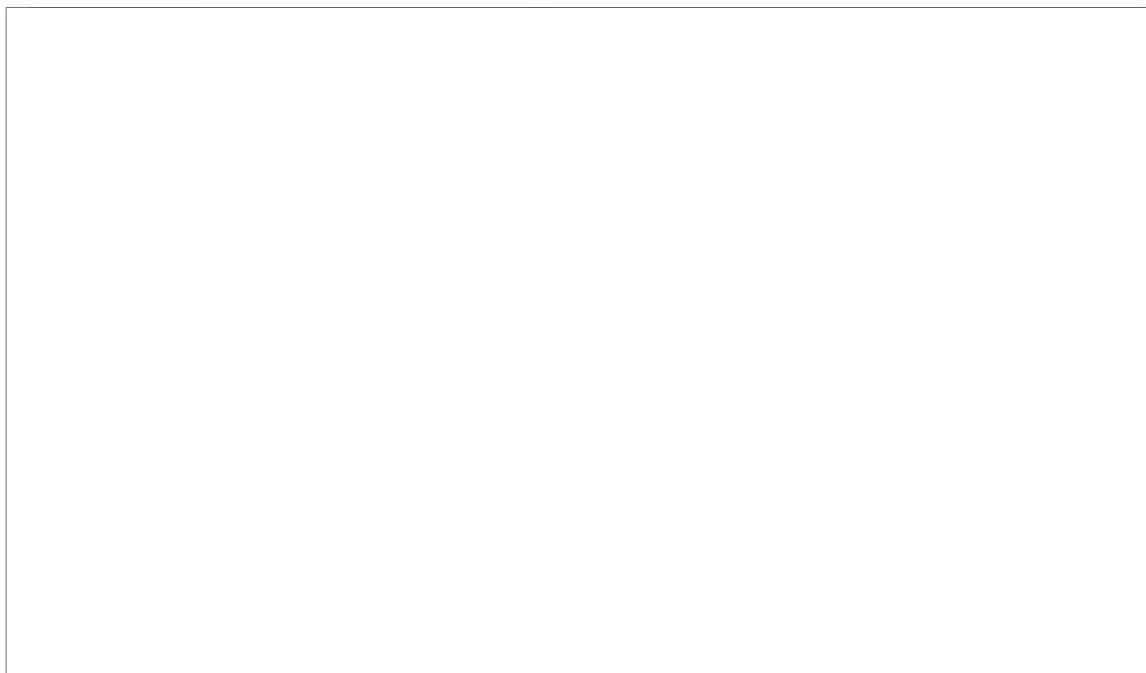


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**Turkey Daily Note  
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**Key Headlines**



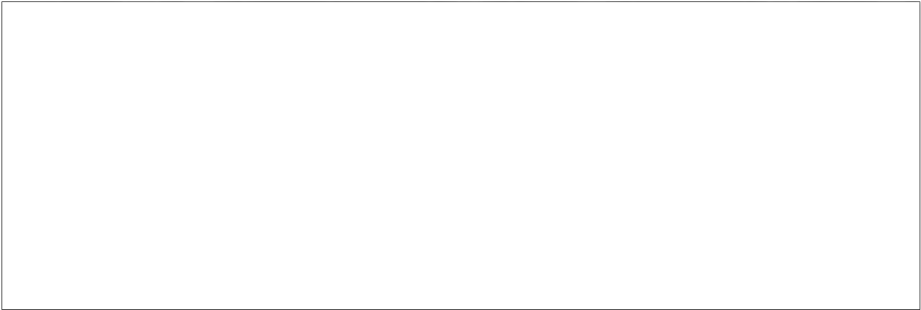
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**(U) Turkey Disappointed with Saudi Refusal to Extradite Suspects in Khashoggi Case**

(U) The Turkish Presidency on December 10 expressed its disappointment over Saudi Arabia's refusal to extradite Saudi citizens subject to Turkish arrest warrants for allegations of involvement in the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Over the weekend, Saudi Foreign

Minister Adel al-Jubeir responded to Turkey's issuance of arrest warrants for Saudis that Turkey says were involved in the death, saying Saudi Arabia would not extradite any of its citizens and repeated Saudi allegations that Turkey "has not been forthcoming" in its provision of evidence that could be used in a court of law. Director of Communications for the Turkish Presidency Fahrettin Altun also called for the international community to seek justice in the case.

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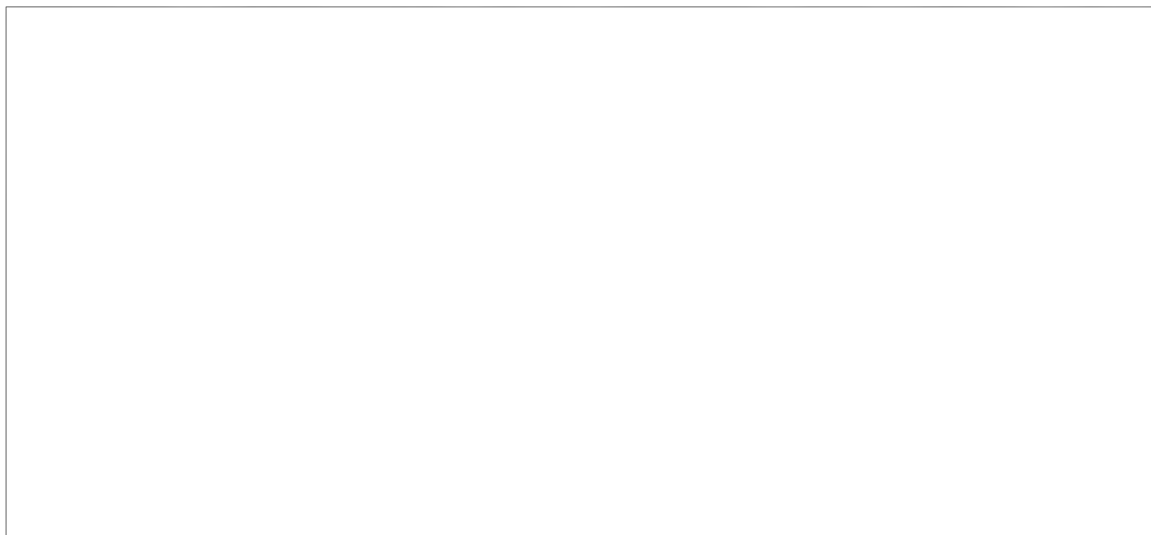
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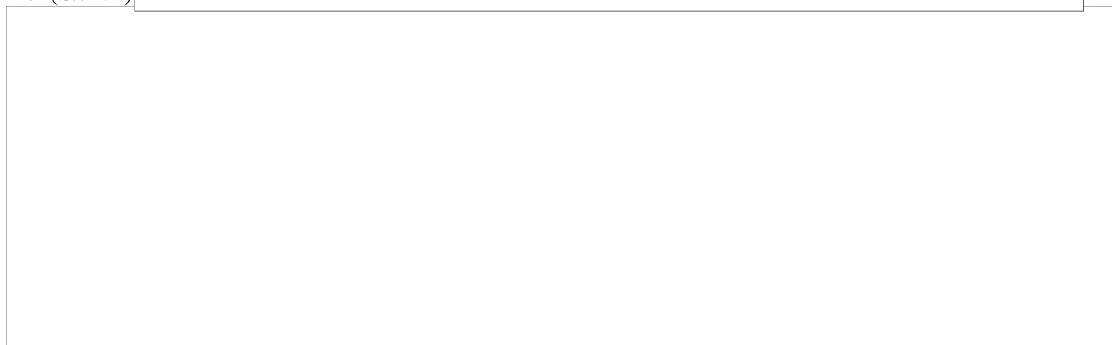
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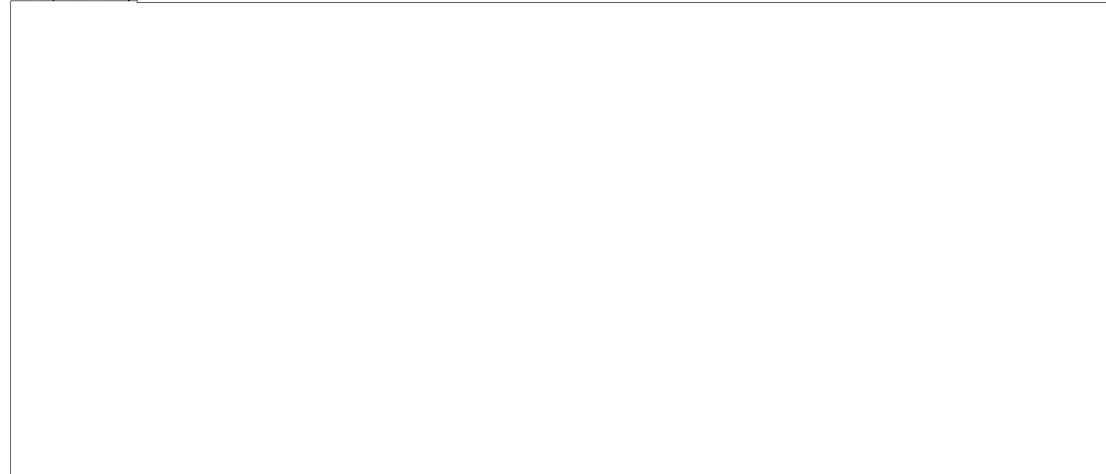
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### **Oman's Economic Challenges**

12. (SBU) Oman's economy is heavily reliant on its oil and gas sector, and oil revenues are by far the most significant source of governmental revenue. Despite a modest recovery in oil prices in 2018, Oman's economy continues to experience recurring fiscal deficits, current account deficits, growing unemployment, and modest growth. Current oil prices, if sustained over the coming years, could significantly reduce Oman's budget deficit, but prices would have to reach even higher levels to enable Oman to repay its mounting public debt. If oil prices fall back to 2017 levels or below, Oman will again incur very large budget deficits and have to turn again to the debt markets to cover the shortfall in revenue. Economic diversification, including establishing Oman as a regional transportation hub centered in Duqm, is increasingly seen as a

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national security priority for Oman, as a growing population outstrips job creation and the government struggles to fund its costly domestic security apparatus. Despite this, the Omani government's efforts at developing the non-hydrocarbon sectors of the economy have been largely ineffectual, and the recent recovery in oil prices removed some of the sense of urgency from diversification efforts.

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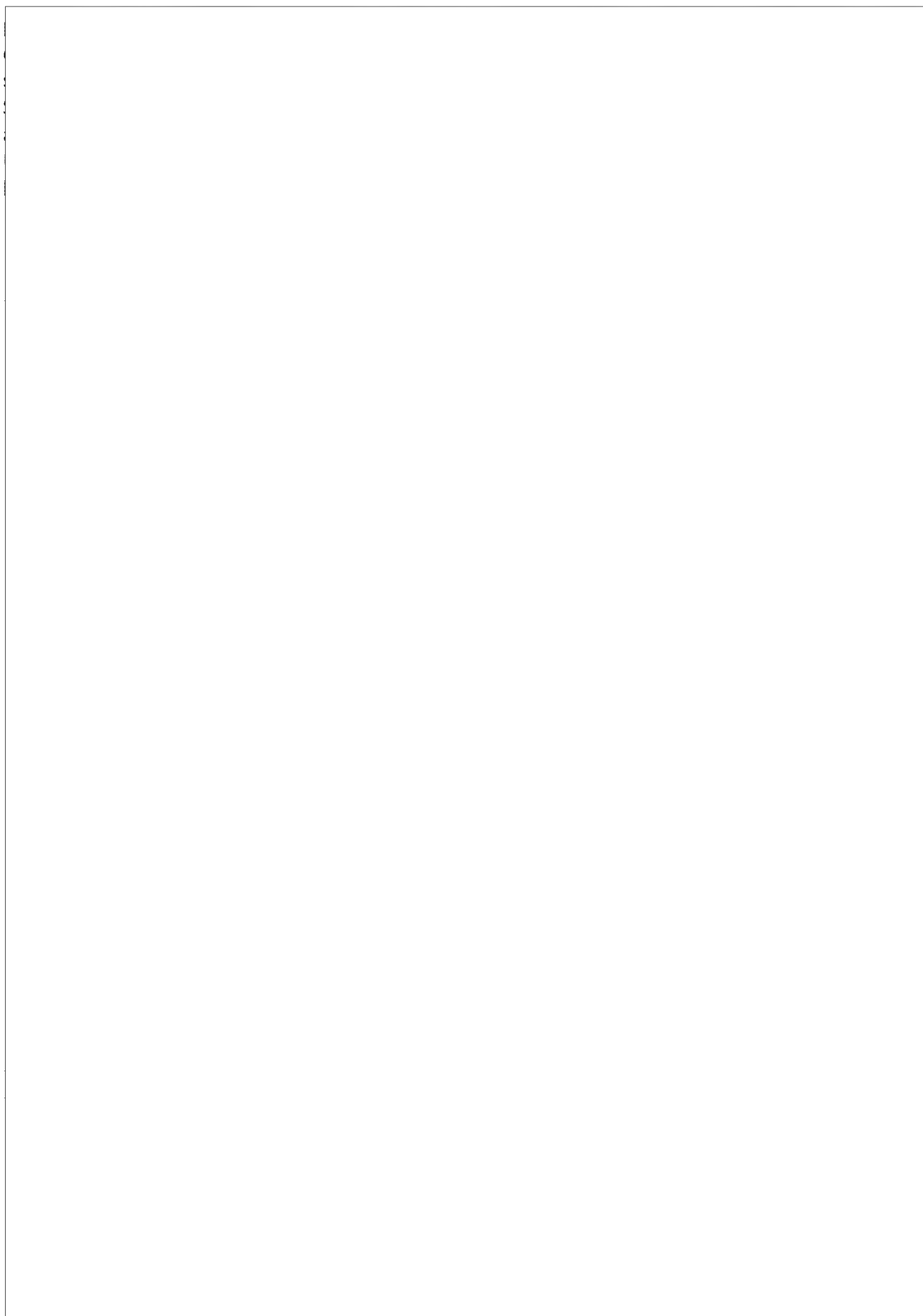


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1. (SBU) Embassy London welcomes CODEL Murkowski to the United Kingdom.

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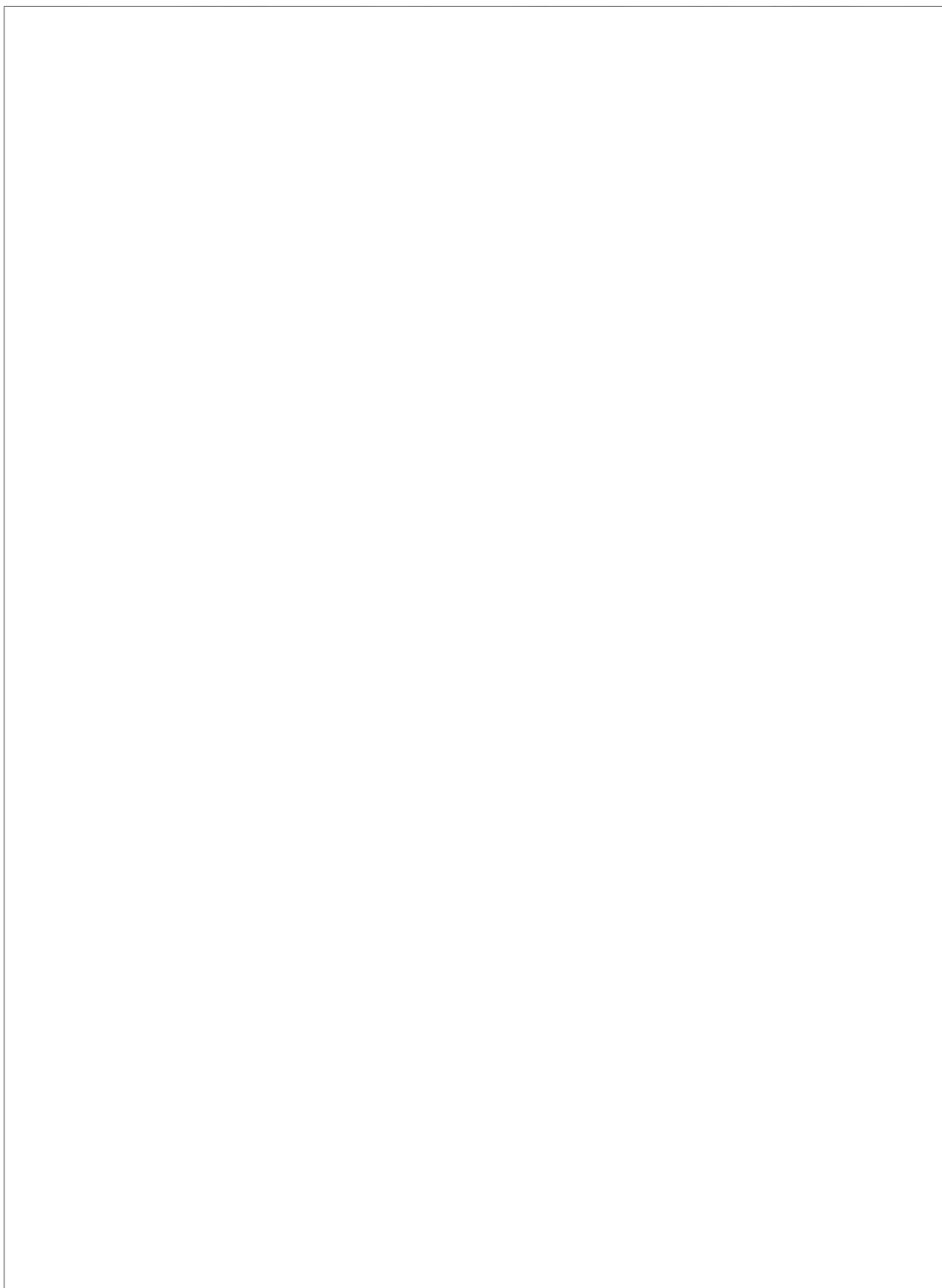
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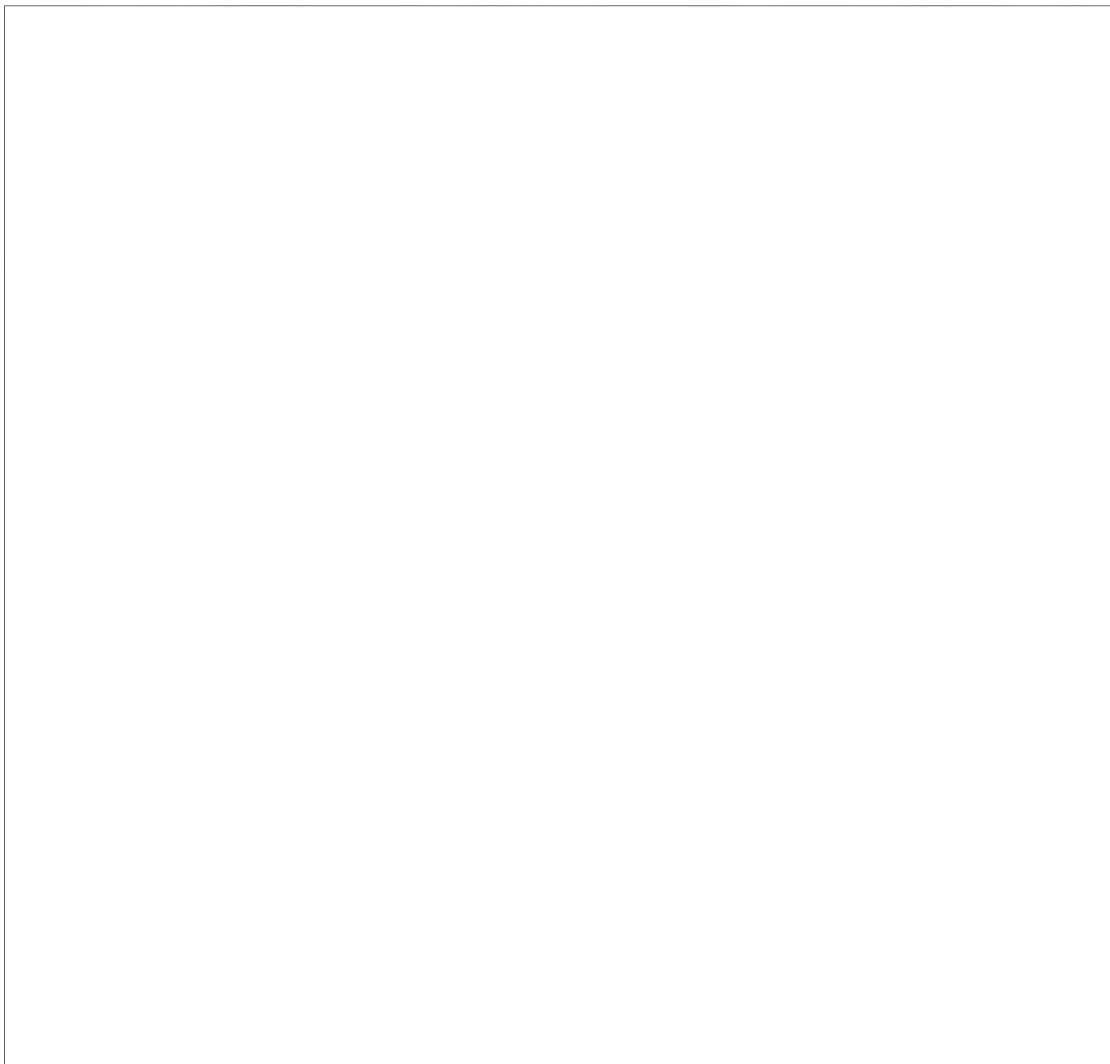
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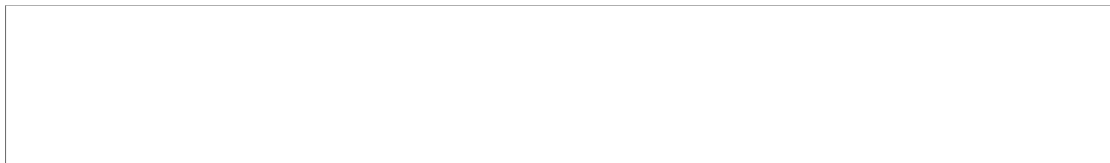


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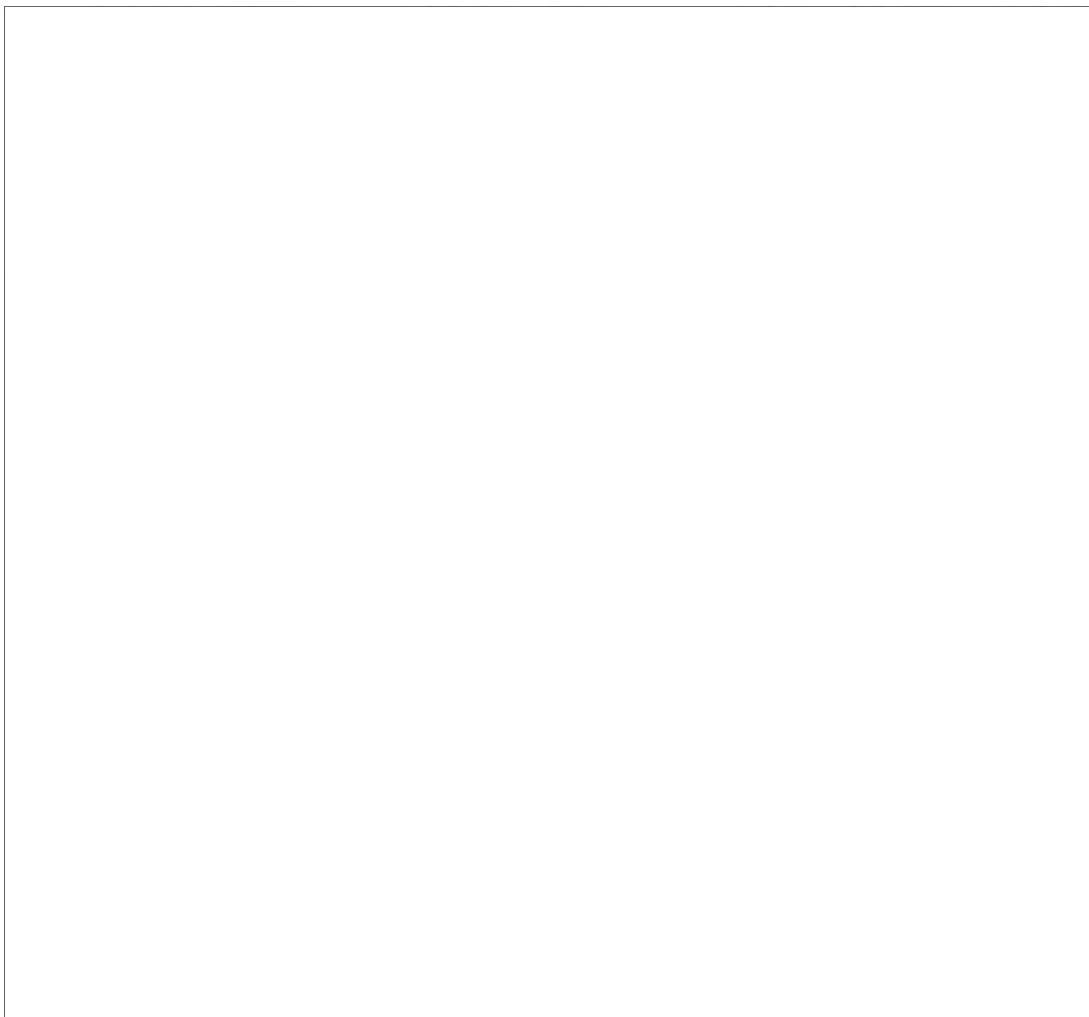


[REDACTED] Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman visited London in March for conversations on a “strategic partnership” that resulted in UK support for Vision 2030; cooperation agreements in education, health, culture and entertainment sectors; trade and investment agreements potentially worth £65 billion (with the UK pressing hard for the Saudi Aramco IPO to be offered on the London Stock Exchange); and cooperation on a range of bilateral security and defense issues, as well as regional security issues. Following the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, PM May announced the UK, like the United States, would ban Saudi officials

suspected of taking part in the killing from entering the country. It remains to be seen if or how this incident will impact long term UK-Saudi relations.

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1. (SBU) **Summary:** Embassy Riyadh warmly welcomes STAFFDEL Resnick to Saudi Arabia.

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The U.S.- Saudi bilateral relationship has spanned eight decades, but has been challenged recently by the murder of Jamal Khashoggi.

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**End Summary.**

**United States-Saudi Arabia: Eight Decades of Partnership**

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14. (SBU) Saudi Arabia's response to the Jamal Khashoggi continues. The Saudi leadership has indicted eleven suspects involved in planning or executing the attack on Khashoggi, with the latest criminal hearing held on January 31. Five of the suspects are facing capital murder charges. On November 15, 2018, the United States designated 17 Saudi Arabian individuals under the Global Magnitsky sanctions program for their involvement in the killing of Khashoggi. The Saudi government has also announced sweeping reforms to its intelligence services. The Saudi leadership has bristled at suggestions that the Crown Prince was responsible for the crime. Saudi officials connect these suggestions to what they argue is a Turkish-Qatari attempt to embarrass and undermine the Crown Prince and Saudi sovereignty. The U.S. government continues to urge Saudi authorities to hold accountable all those responsible for the Jamal Khashoggi murder and to prevent similar abuses in the future.

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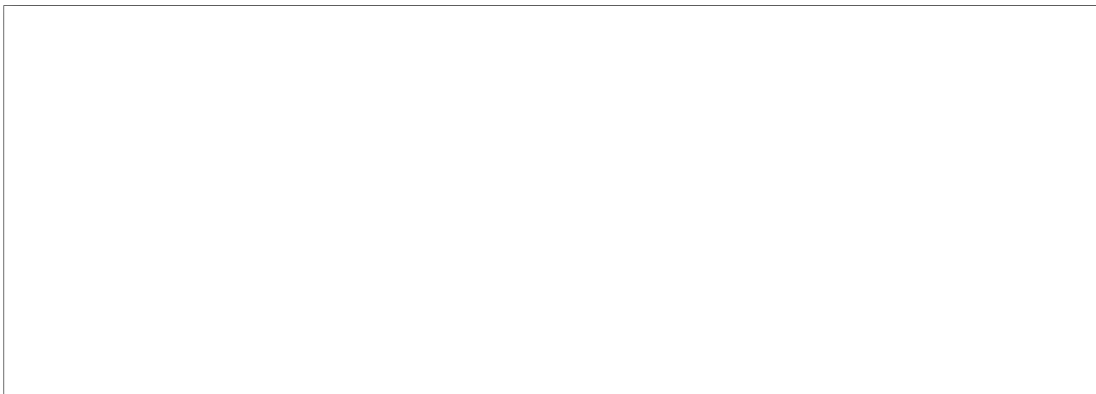
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**Turkey Daily Note**  
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**(U) President Erdogan Hails Improved U.S.-Turkey Relations to Visiting Business Delegations**



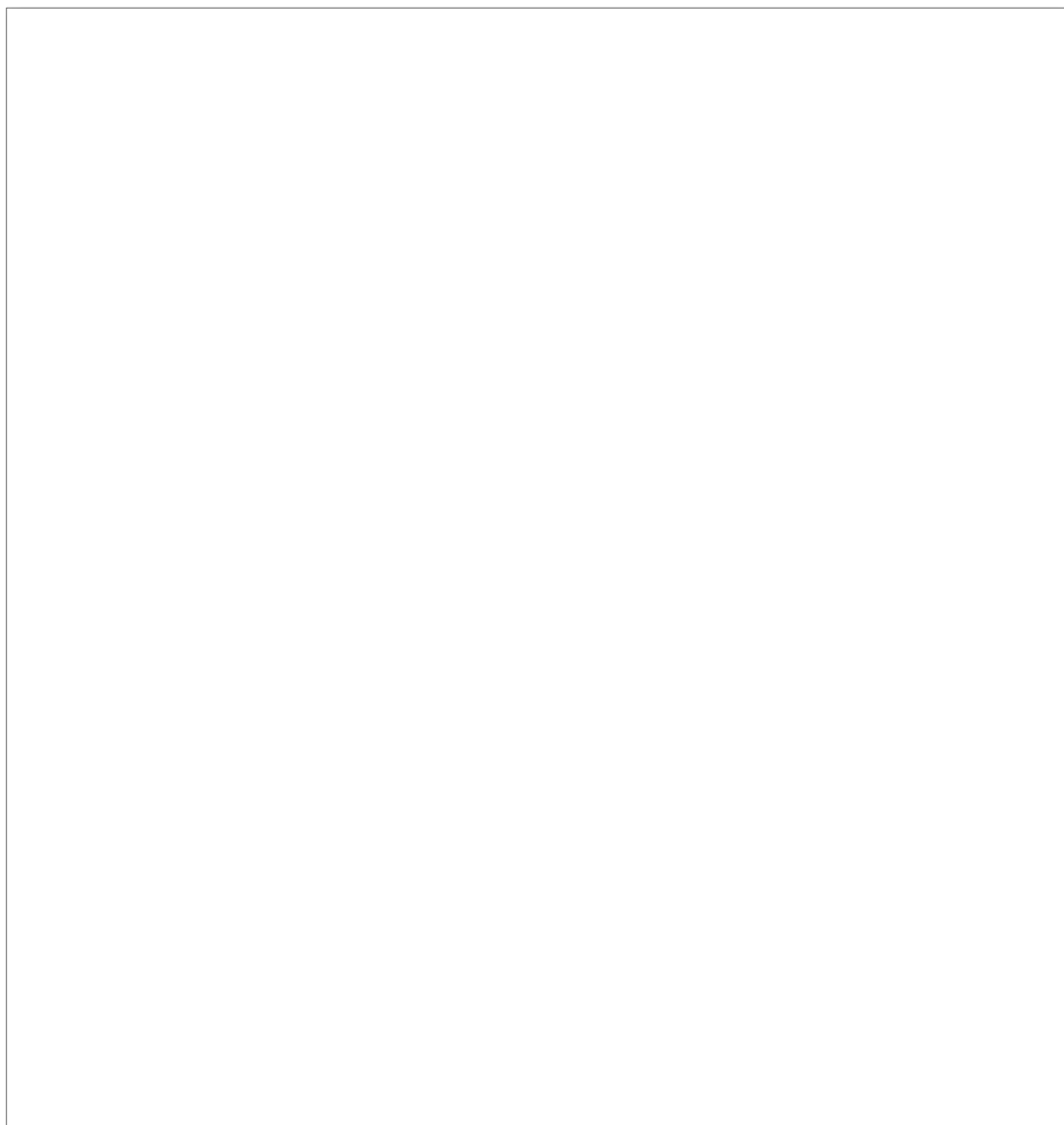
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**(U) Turkey Continues Pressure on Riyadh as UN Official Issues Statement on Khashoggi**

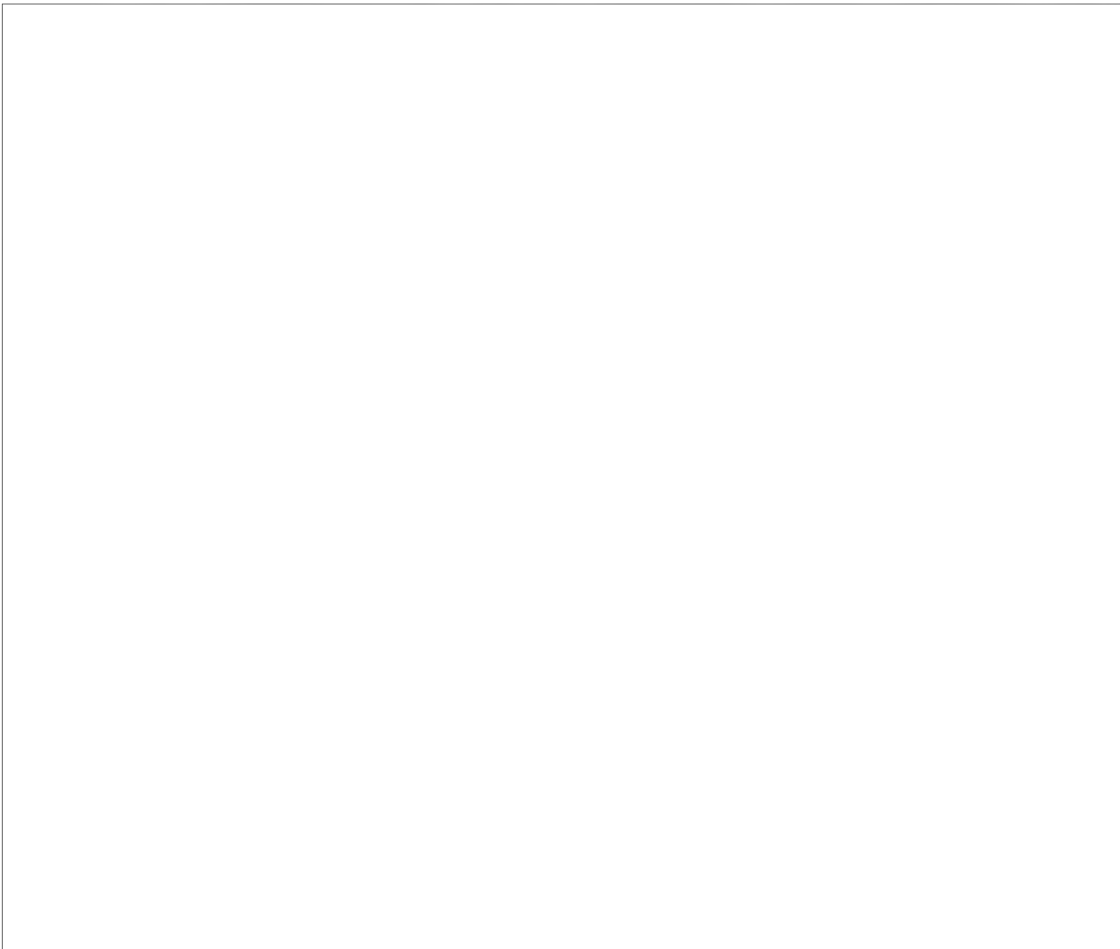
(U) Turkish Presidency Communications Director Fahrettin Altun criticized a “complete lack of transparency” and “false denials” from Saudi officials regarding the murder of Jamal Khashoggi in response to a statement by UN Special Rapporteur Agnes Callamard. Widely covered in Turkish media, Callamard stated that Khashoggi’s killing was “planned and perpetrated by Saudi officials” who “seriously curtailed and undermined” Turkey’s attempts to investigate. Turkish officials reportedly let Callamard hear audio of the killing during her visit to Turkey last week,

during which she also met with prosecutors and Khashoggi's Turkish fiancé. Despite Callamard's statement that she was unable to meet some Turkish prosecutors, Altun said Ankara is committed to cooperating in a potential U.N. investigation into the case. "Saudi authorities must extradite Mr. Khashoggi's killers to Turkey, where they committed a premeditated murder, as proof of their willingness to serve the cause of justice," he said. "The world is watching."

*(SBU) Each day of Callamard's visit was accompanied by prominent headlines in Turkish media, part of Ankara's continuing pressure on Saudi Arabia over the case.*



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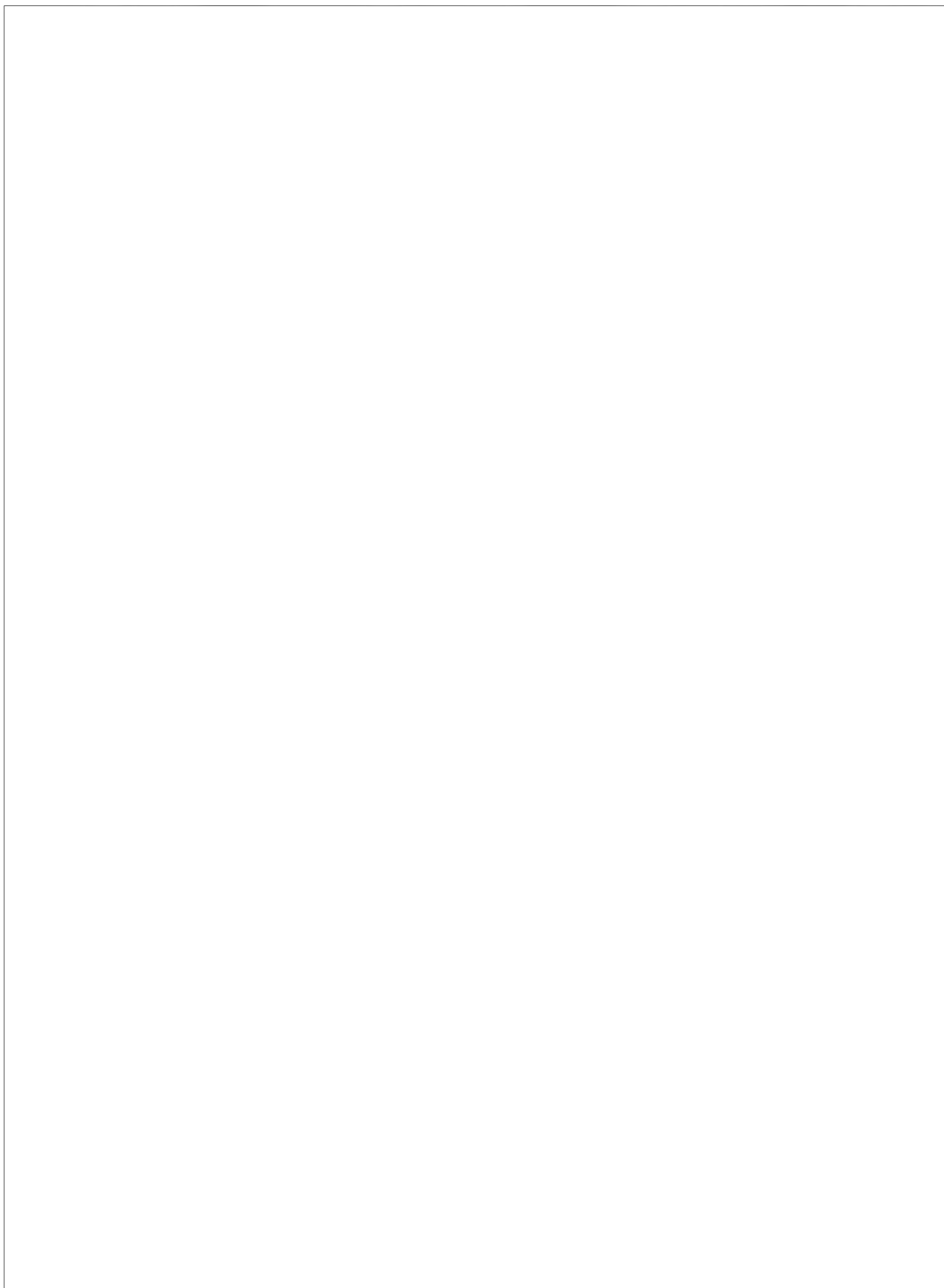


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1. (SBU) **Summary:** Admiral (ret) Gortney and CAPSTONE Fellows — welcome to Saudi Arabia! We hope this visit provides opportunities for you to deepen your understanding of the U.S.-Saudi bilateral partnership, regional stability, and malign Iranian influence in the region. Despite recent tensions, as a result of Jamal Khashoggi's killing and the war in Yemen, the U.S.-Saudi bilateral relationship remains strong.

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**Centralization of Authority and Crackdown on Dissent**

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12. (SBU) Saudi response to the Jamal Khashoggi killing damaged the country's international reputation and increased Congressional and public scrutiny of U.S.-Saudi cooperation. The Saudi leadership has indicted eleven suspects involved in planning or executing the attack on Khashoggi (with the latest criminal hearing held January 31), with five of them facing capital murder charges. The Saudi leadership has bristled, however, at suggestions that the Crown Prince was responsible for the crime. Saudi officials connect these suggestions to what they argue is a Turkish-Qatari attempt to embarrass and undermine the Crown Prince and Saudi sovereignty. The USG continues to follow up on Saudi steps to ensure accountability and to prevent any similar abuses in the future.

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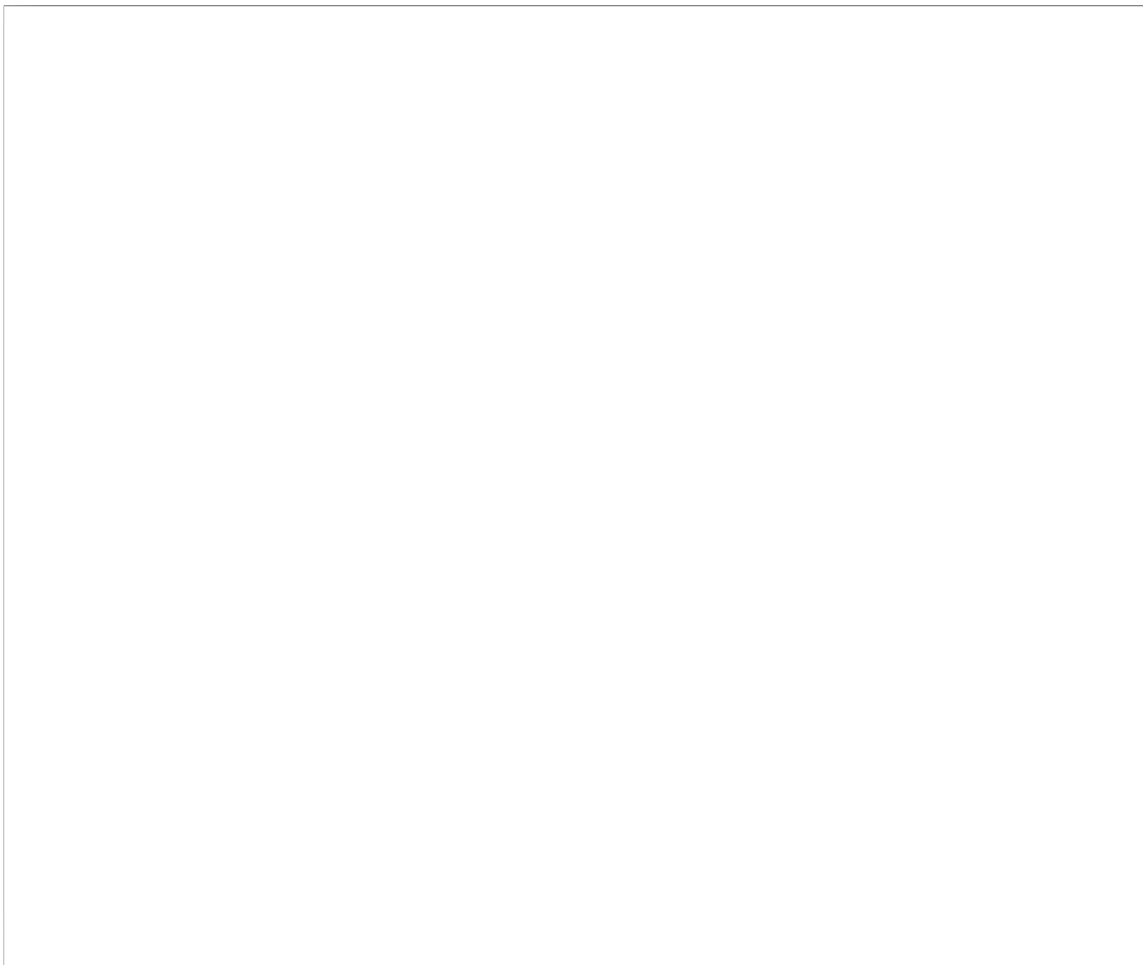


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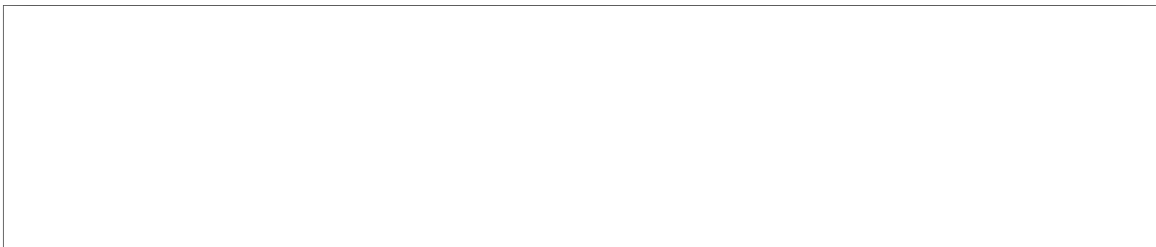
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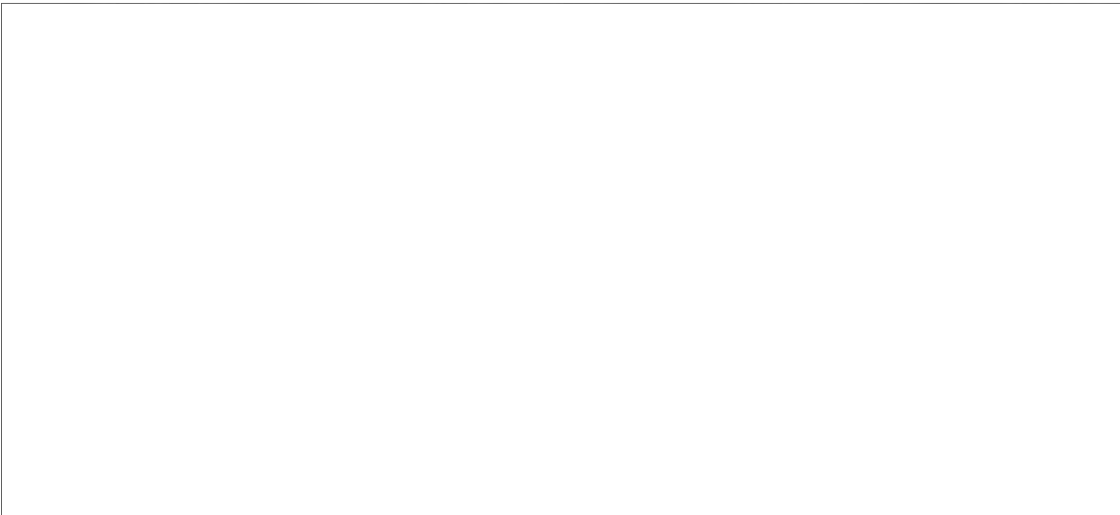


**Zarif Pessimistic that Iran Can Repair Relations with “Destabilizing” MbS**

4. (SBU) When asked if Iran can take steps to repair its relations with Saudi Arabia, Zarif protested that “it takes two to tango.” He explained that Saudi crown prince Mohammed bin Salman (MbS) believes that increasing, rather than decreasing, regional tensions is in Saudi Arabia’s strategic interests, and cited the Saudi-led embargo on Qatar, the Saad Hariri affair, and the killing of Jamal Khashoggi as examples. “The United States and its allies who want stability in this region need to show that bad behavior has repercussions,” he asserted. When asked to comment further on Khashoggi, Zarif demurred, stating that he would not elaborate on the internal affairs of another country. Zarif said the murder of Jamal Khashoggi, though gruesome, pales in comparison to the humanitarian situation in Yemen.

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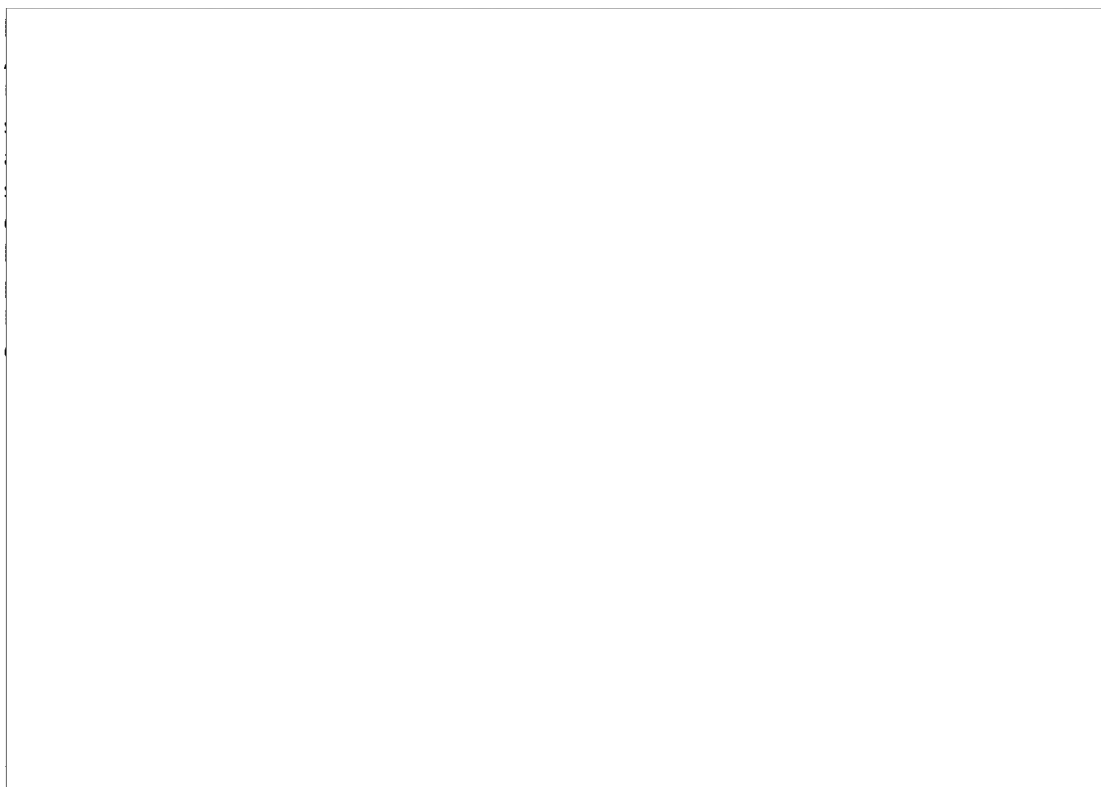
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1. (SBU) Senator Coons, Embassy London welcomes you to the United Kingdom.

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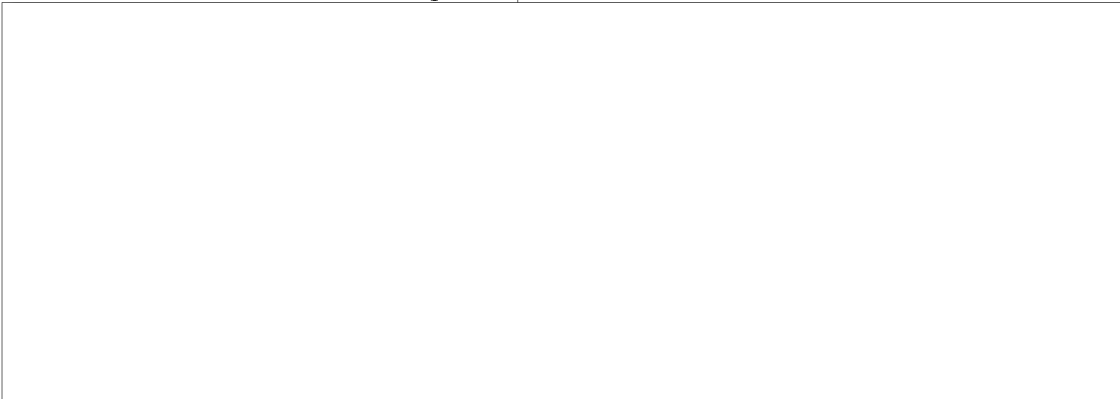
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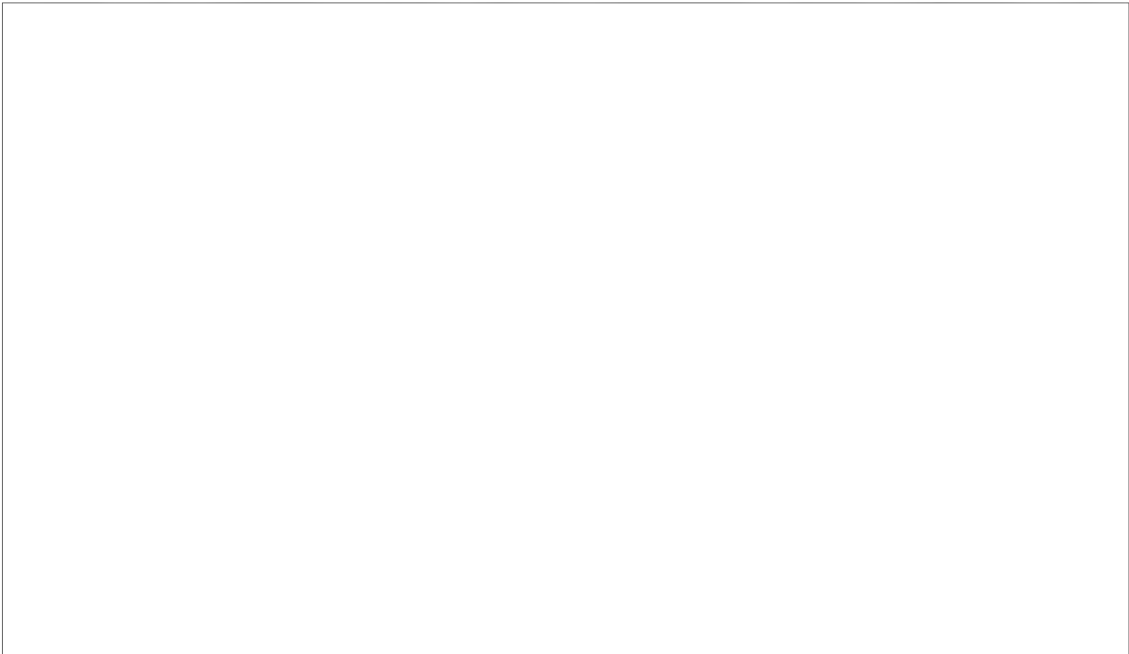
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Following the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, PM May announced the UK, like the United States, would ban Saudi officials suspected of taking part in the killing from entering the country. In subsequent months, FS Hunt and PM May met with Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman in Saudi Arabia and on the margins of the G-20 in Buenos Aires, respectively. In both meetings, British officials stressed the need for a “credible investigation.” 

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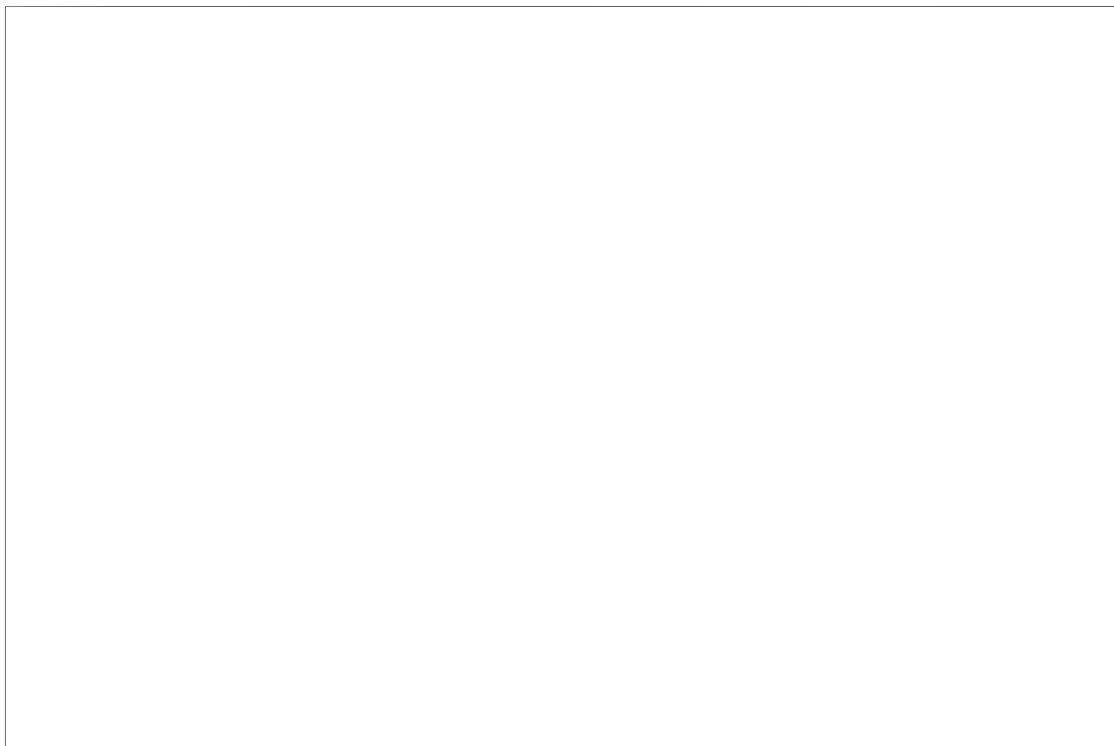


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**Turkey Daily Note**  
**January 23, 2019**



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**(U) Foreign Minister Suggests “International Investigation” of Murdered Journalist**

(U) FM Cavusoglu said Turkey will take the necessary steps to facilitate an international investigation into the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi “soon.” He said Turkey will not give up despite what he called Western nations’ “willingness” to cover up the murder in exchange for money. Cavusoglu praised Turkey’s “wise handling” of the case thus far.

*(SBU) Cavusoglu was not specific regarding the timing or nature of the steps Turkey might take. Turkey has long sought to maintain international interest in the case—and pressure on Saudi Arabia.*

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1. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: USUN Geneva is requested to deliver the letter in paragraph 3 to Dr. Agnès Callamard, the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions as soon as possible under the signature of the Chargé d'Affaires, and to report any substantive response. The letter in paragraph 3 replies to Callamard's correspondences of March 20, 2018 and of January 24, 2019, logged by Mission Geneva as 037-18 and 008-19 respectively. Point of contact in the Department for Callamard's visit request is [REDACTED]

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2. (SBU) BACKGROUND: Dr. Agnès Callamard was appointed the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions in August 2016. She has a distinguished career in human rights and humanitarian affairs, in civil society organizations, the United Nations, and in academia. The mandate was created jointly by the UN Economic and Social Council and the Human Rights Commission in 1982 and covers all UN Member States. On March 20, 2018, Callamard transmitted a letter requesting to visit the United States in 2019 in her official capacity as Special Rapporteur. On January 24, 2019, Callamard announced her intention to visit Turkey from January 28 to February 3 as the initial step in an international investigation that she will conduct into the October 2, 2018, murder of Jamal Khashoggi inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, Turkey. Callamard transmitted a letter requesting to visit Washington, DC, following her visit to Turkey to meet with relevant U.S. authorities. Callamard made a separate request to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to visit Riyadh and to gain access to the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. She intends to report her findings about the Khashoggi case to the Human Rights Council during its June 2019 session. END BACKGROUND.

3. (U) Begin text of Letter to UN Special Rapporteur Agnès Callamard:

Thank you for your letters dated January 24, 2019 and March 20, 2018.

In your most recent letter, you requested to visit the United States of America in February 2019 as a component of your investigation into the October 2, 2018 death of Mr. Jamal Khashoggi, a citizen of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and a resident of the United States. We understand that you seek to meet with members of the U.S. executive and

legislative branches of government, among others, while in Washington, D.C.

In relation to this visit, we would be pleased to set up meetings with colleagues from the U.S. Department of State. Please advise our Mission of your schedule and best point(s) of contact in order to arrange those meetings in Washington. We encourage you to reach out to relevant United Nations offices, including the UN Information Center in Washington, D.C., for assistance in scheduling meetings with members of Congress.

In your letter of March 2018, you request an official country visit to the United States in 2019 in your capacity as UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary, or Arbitrary Executions. The United States is consulting with relevant stakeholders regarding your request. To inform these internal consultations, it would be helpful if you could discuss details of your proposed visit with our colleagues from the Department of State during your meetings in February. Please share with them what meetings, visits, or issues you seek to include in your itinerary, as well as your priorities for your mandate and what other countries you are seeking to visit.

Complimentary closing.

END TEXT.

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**Attachments:** 008-19 - Visit Request for the SR on extrajudicial killings.pdf, 037-18 - Visit request from the SR on extrajudicial- summary or arbitrary executions.pdf

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**Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions**

REFERENCE: INT/CV/VRE/USA/10593

20 March 2018

Excellency,

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, pursuant to resolution 35/15 of the Human Rights Council. This resolution invites me to undertake country visits as part of my mandate.

In this context, I write you to request that your Excellency's Government extend an invitation to me to undertake a visit to the United States of America in 2019 in order to enable me to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to me by the Human Rights Council.

Such a visit would offer the opportunity to pursue issues relating to my mandate in a constructive dialogue with your Excellency's Government in view of identifying good practices as well as challenges, in relation to which I will seek to make constructive and concrete recommendations.

I would be most grateful to hear from your Excellency's Government as soon as possible so that preparations for the visit may be initiated in a timely manner. For any further question or clarification, please do not hesitate to have your office contact me through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Agnes Callamard  
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

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24 January 2019

Dear Mr. Cassayre,

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, pursuant to resolution 35/15 of the Human Rights Council.

I will conduct an official country visit to Turkey from 28 January to 3 February 2019 for the purpose of inquiring into the killing of Saudi citizen Mr. Jamal Khashoggi, that allegedly took place on 2 October 2018, in the consulate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Istanbul. In the context of this visit, I would be grateful to have an opportunity to meet with relevant authorities in the United States of America who have been following the case including the Central Intelligence Agency, United States Congress and the Department of State. I would therefore like to conclude my visit to Turkey with meetings with relevant interlocutors in the Washington D.C. on the 5, 6 and/or 7 February 2019.

I would be grateful to receive your Government's reply at your earliest convenience so that preparations may be initiated in a timely manner. I wish to thank the Government of the United States of America for its cooperation in this matter and look forward to our dialogue.

I remain at your disposal for any clarification or additional information about the visit and my mandate through [redacted] Human Rights Officer (email: [redacted]) Associate Human Rights Officer ([redacted]) who support my mandate at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva,

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Yours sincerely,

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Agnes Callamard  
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

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**(U) Summary**

1. (SBU) Mission UAE welcomes you to the 2019 International Defense Exhibition (IDEX).



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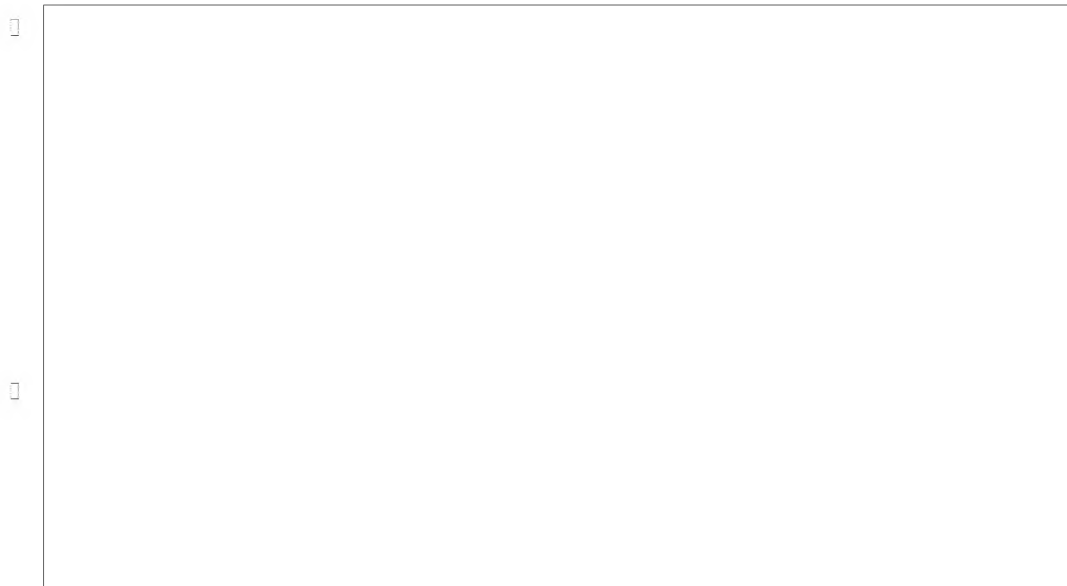
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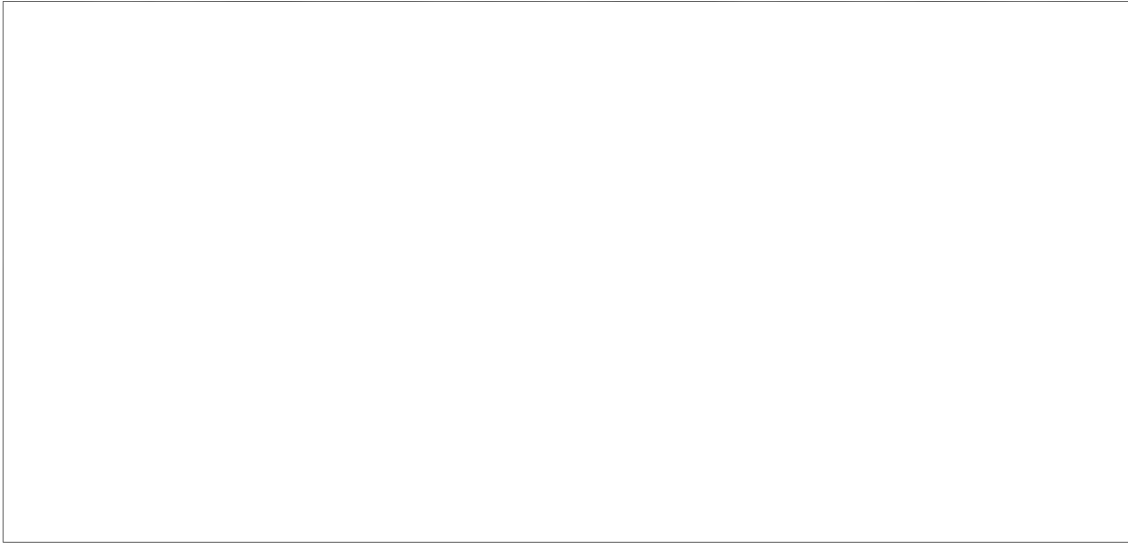
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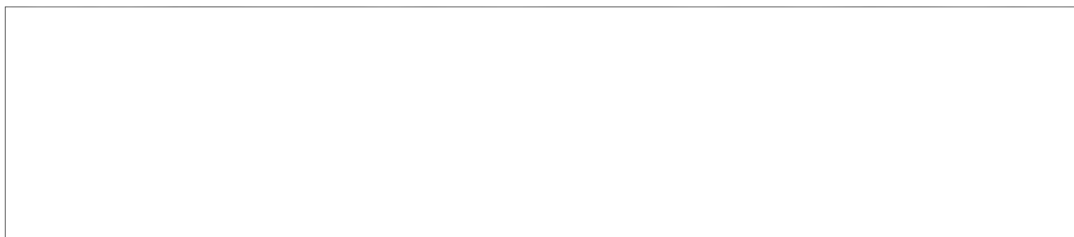
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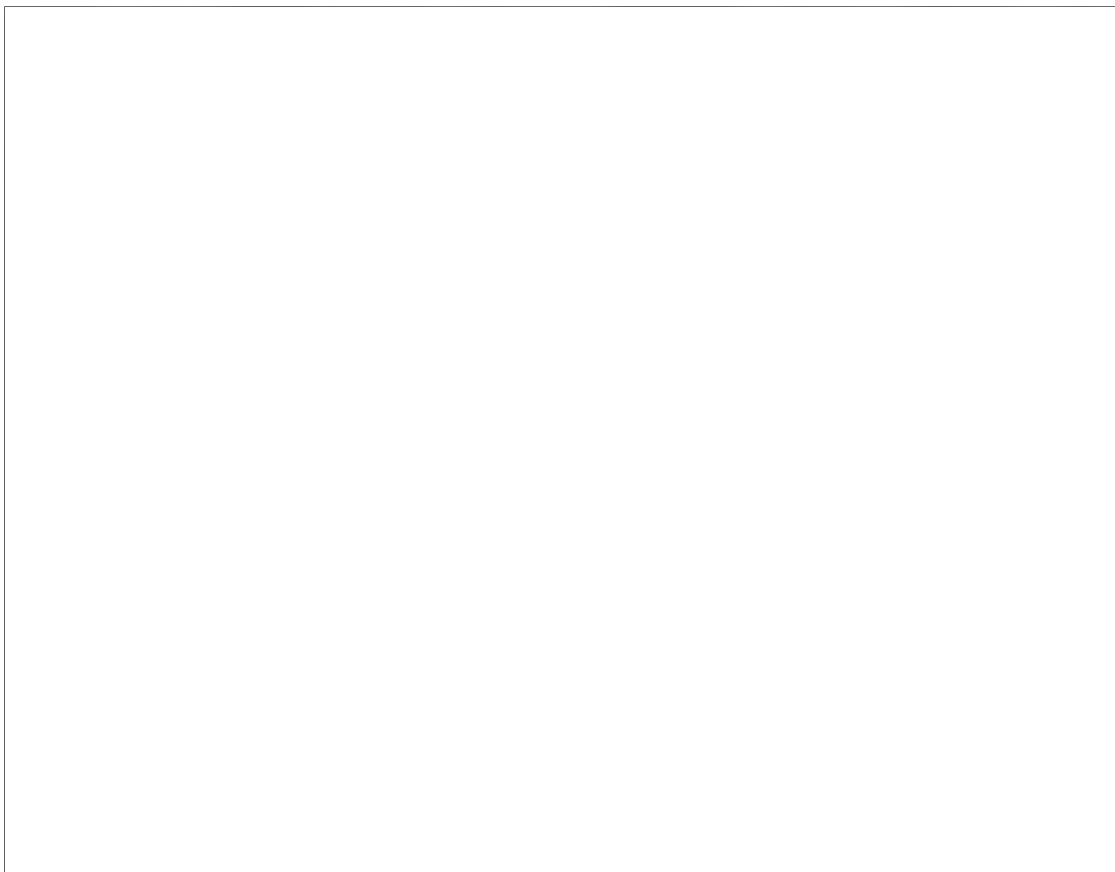
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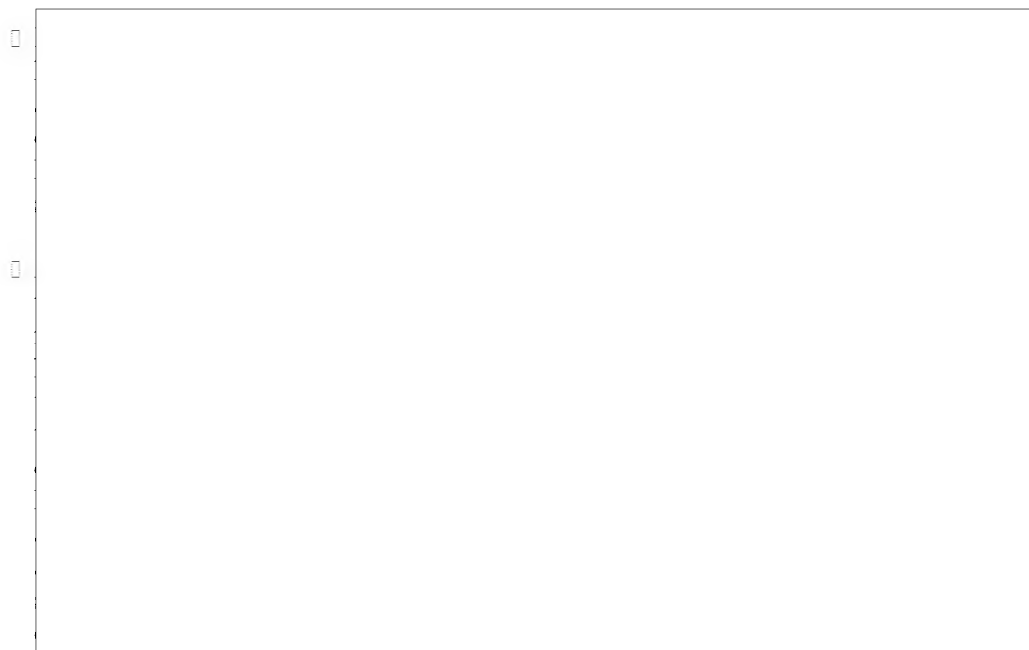
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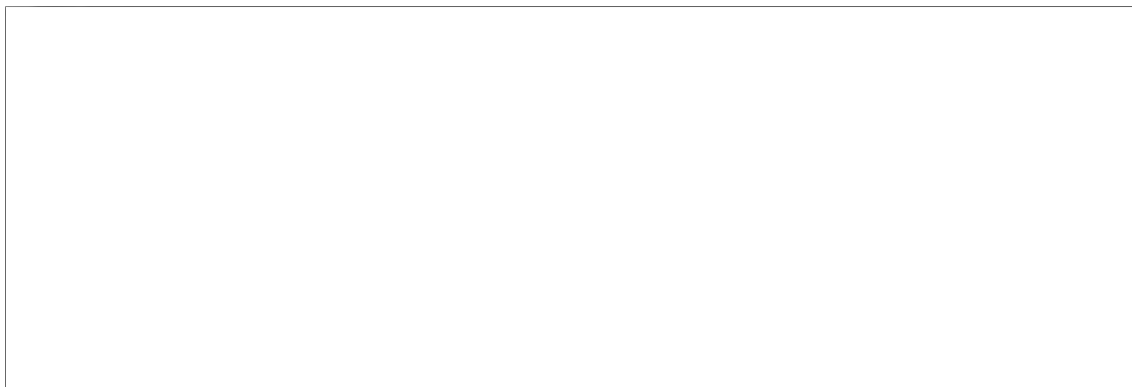
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- **What should you watch out for / say about other topics?** There are a number of controversial topics that might arise; civilian casualties in Yemen, the murder of Jamal Khashoggi, U.S. Syria or Iran policy, etc. However, for all topics beyond the above, please use this response:
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**(U) Summary**

1. (SBU) Mission UAE warmly welcomes ADM Gortney and CAPSTONE Class 19-02 to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). [REDACTED]

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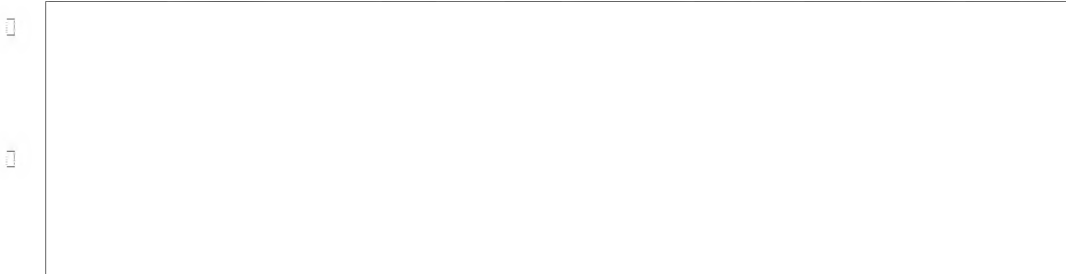
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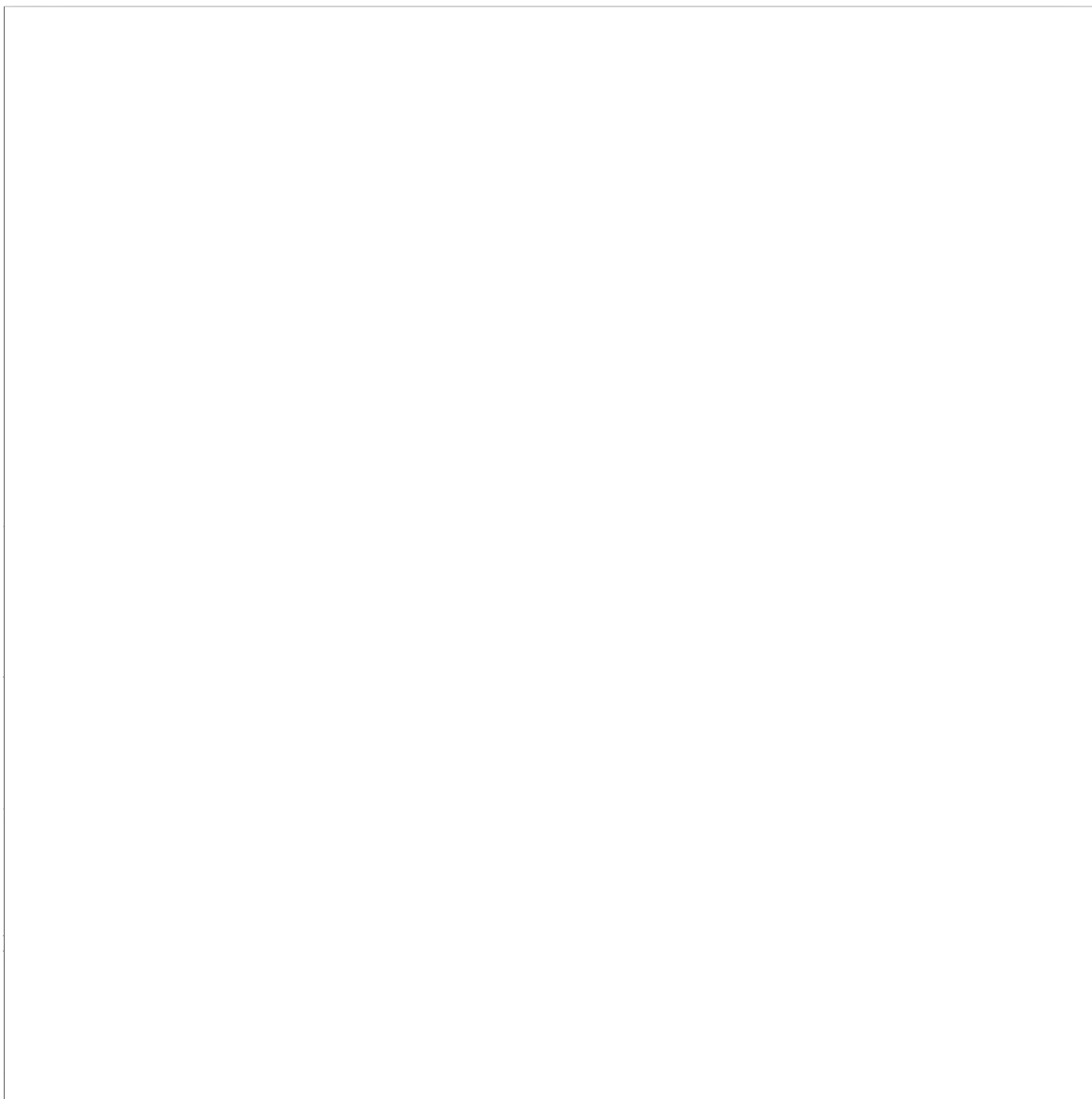
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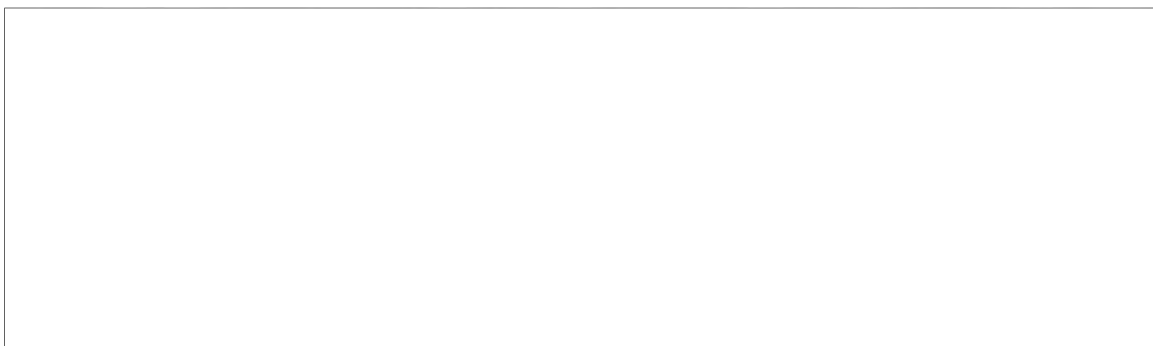


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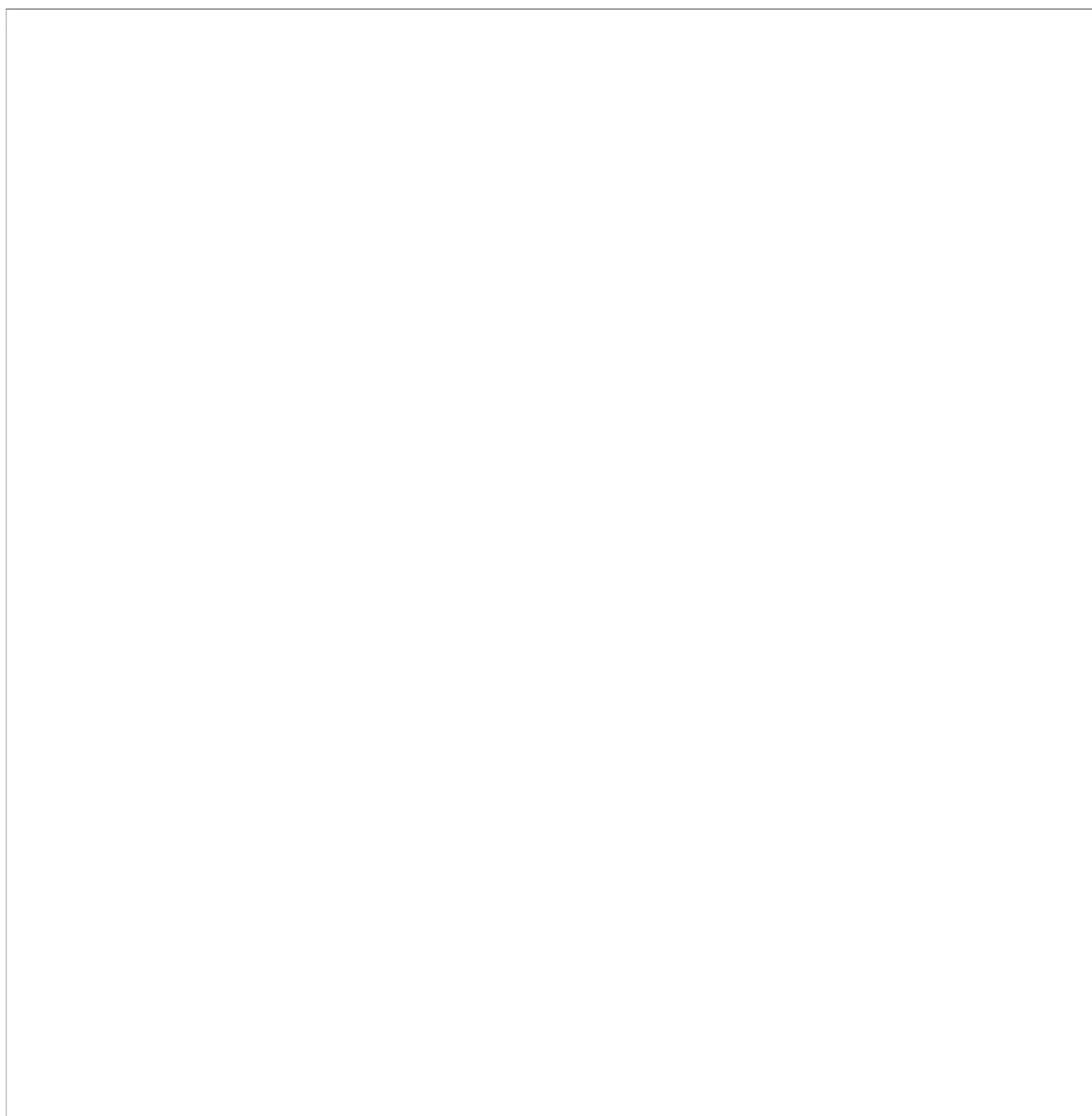
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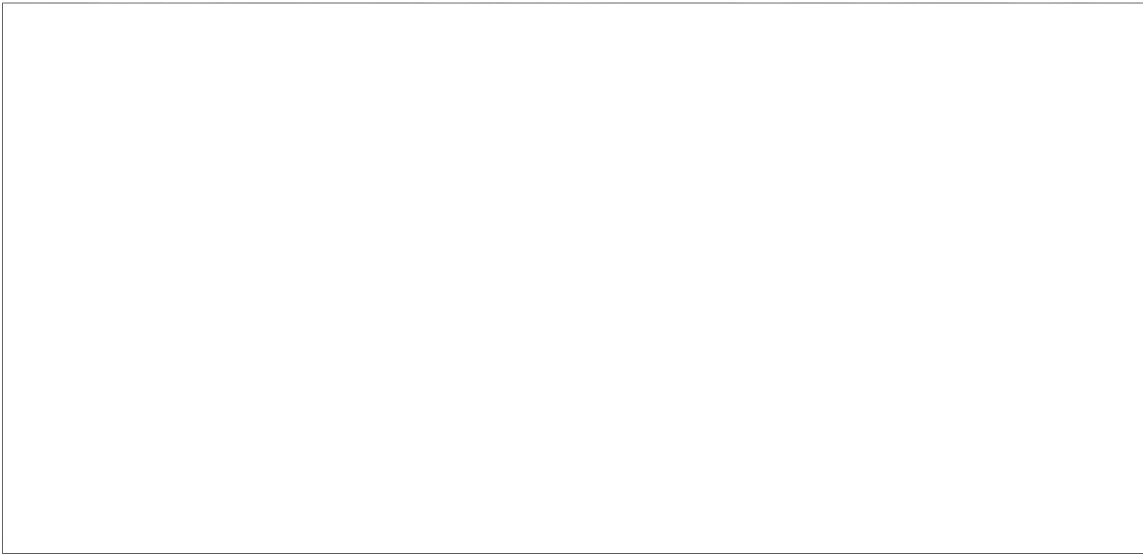
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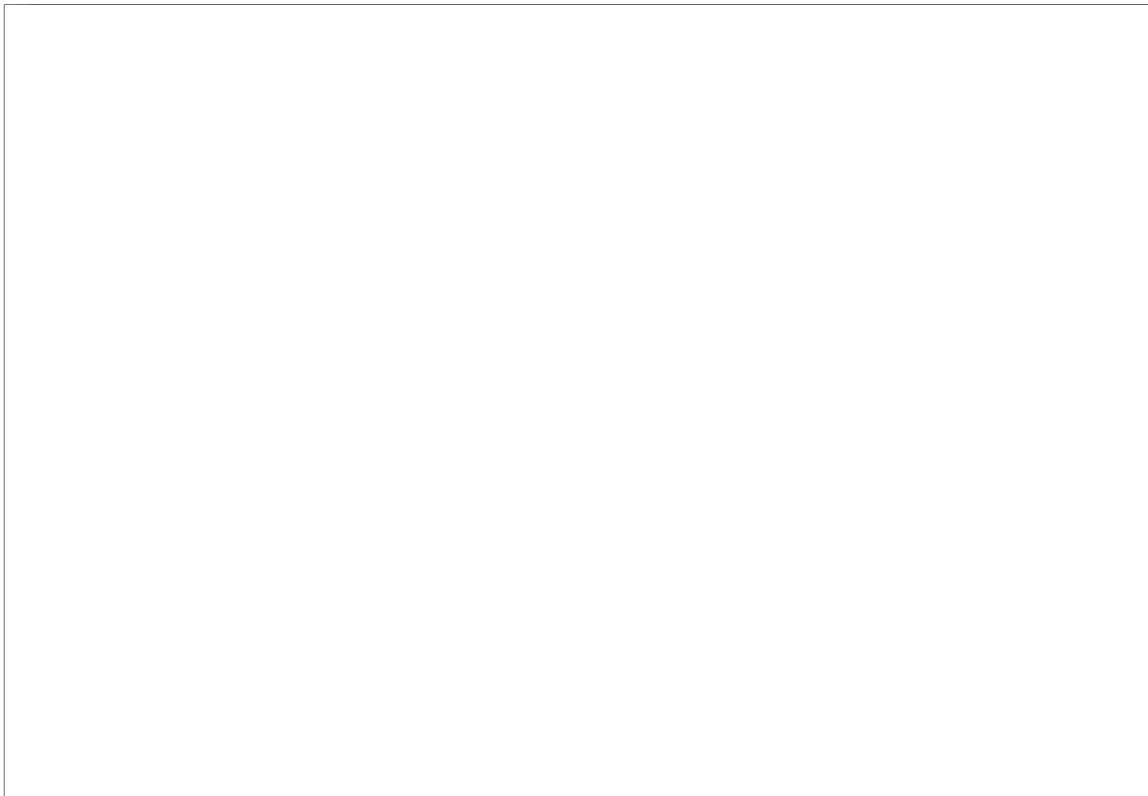
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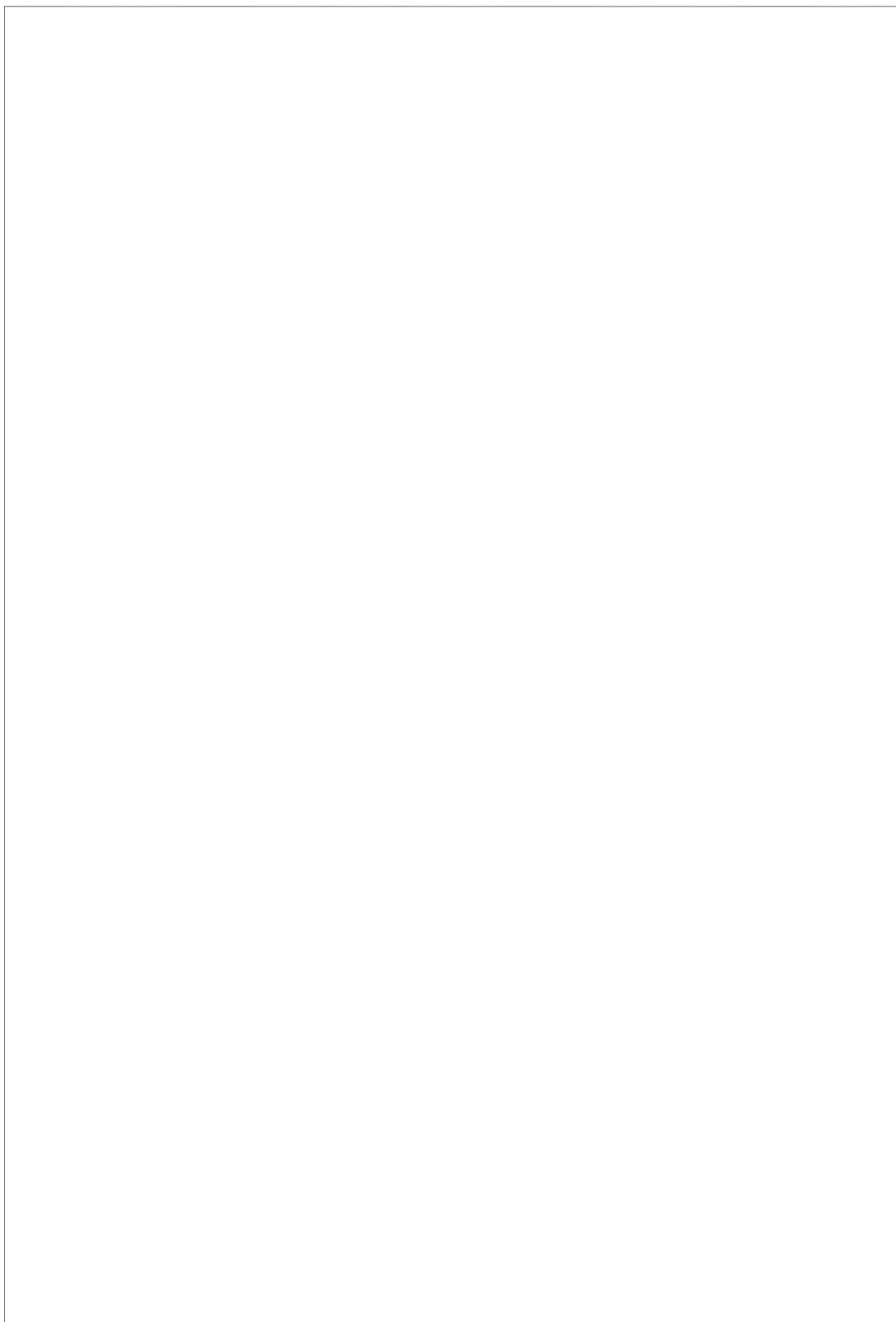
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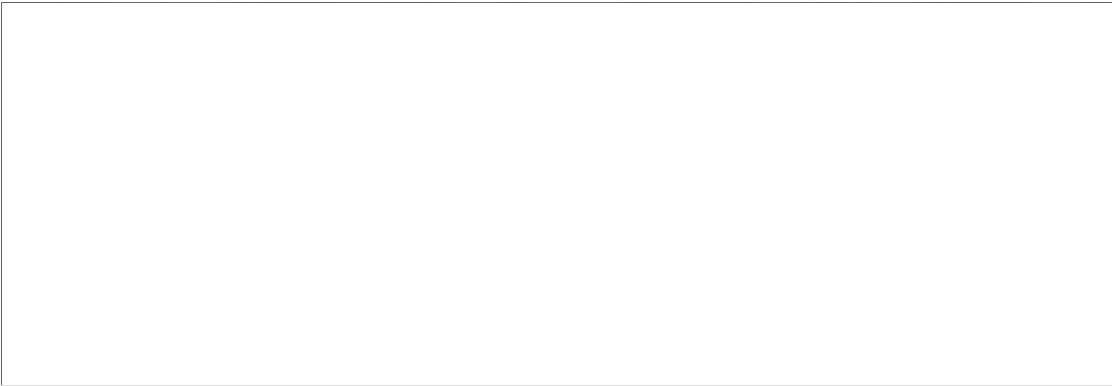


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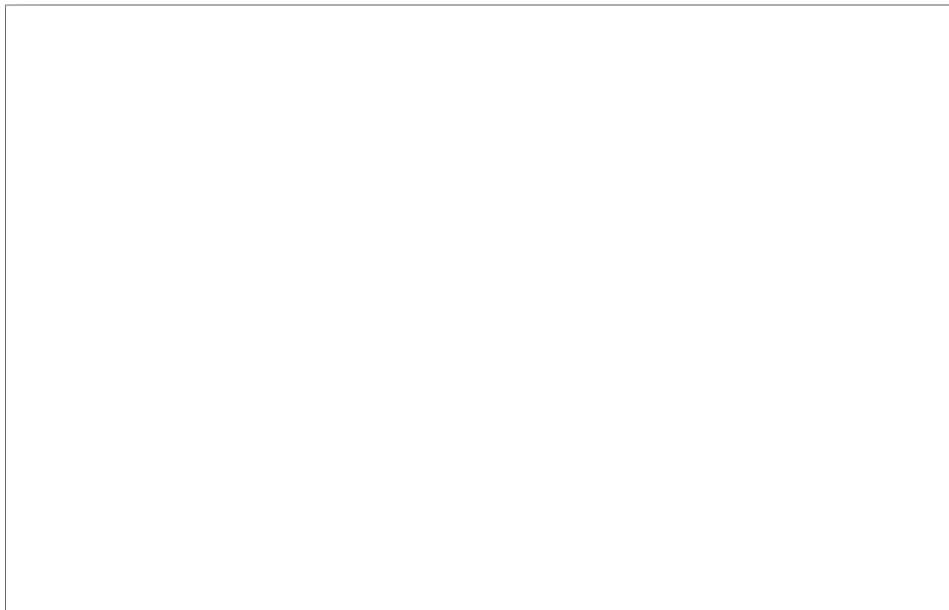


**(U) Turkey Prepares for UN Investigation of Khashoggi Case**

(U) Foreign Minister Cavusoglu announced that UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary, Or Arbitrary Executions Agnes Callamard will be in Turkey from January 28 to February 2 for an international probe of the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Cavusoglu added that President Erdogan had “ordered preparations to be made to carry the case to an international level.” Semi-official *Anadolu Agency*, citing UN sources, said Callamard’s findings will be reported to the UN Human Rights Council in June.

*(SBU) Comment: Turkish media will likely cover Callamard’s visit closely as Turkey continues to stoke international interest in the case as a means of keeping pressure on Saudi Arabia.*

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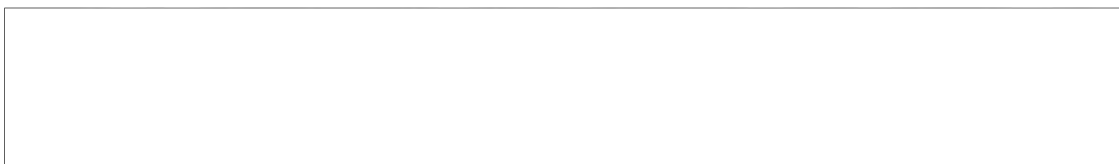
2. (U) In the early hours of December 17, the MFA released a statement via the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) condemning the December 13 U.S. Senate Resolution blaming the Crown Prince for the murder of Jamal Khashoggi. The MFA slammed the Senate's "blatant interferences" in Saudi internal affairs and "unsubstantiated claims" that "disrespect its leadership." The statement sought to distinguish the position of the Senate and that of the White House, expressing appreciation for "the prudent position taken by the United States Government and its institutions regarding [the Khashoggi murder], as [the SAG] realizes that this position by the U.S. Senate sends the wrong messages to all those who want to cause a rift in the Saudi-U.S. relationship." The statement warned against drawing the Kingdom into American domestic political debates to avoid "significant negative impacts" on the important strategic relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia. The Shura Council, Organization for Islamic Cooperation, Muslim World League, Bahraini government, and other SAG-aligned entities issued similar statements in support of the Saudis December 17-18.

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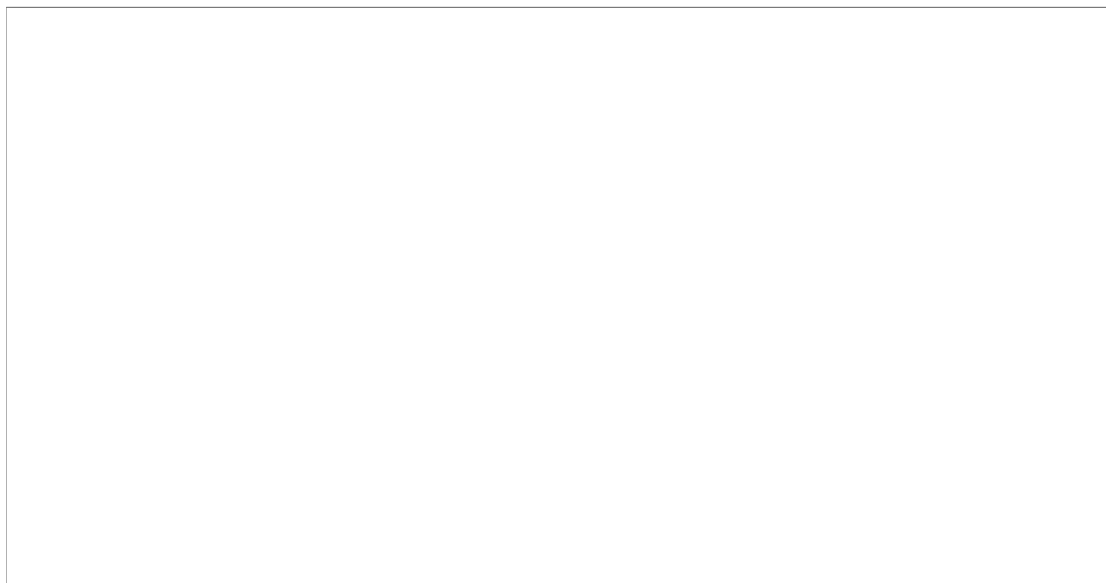
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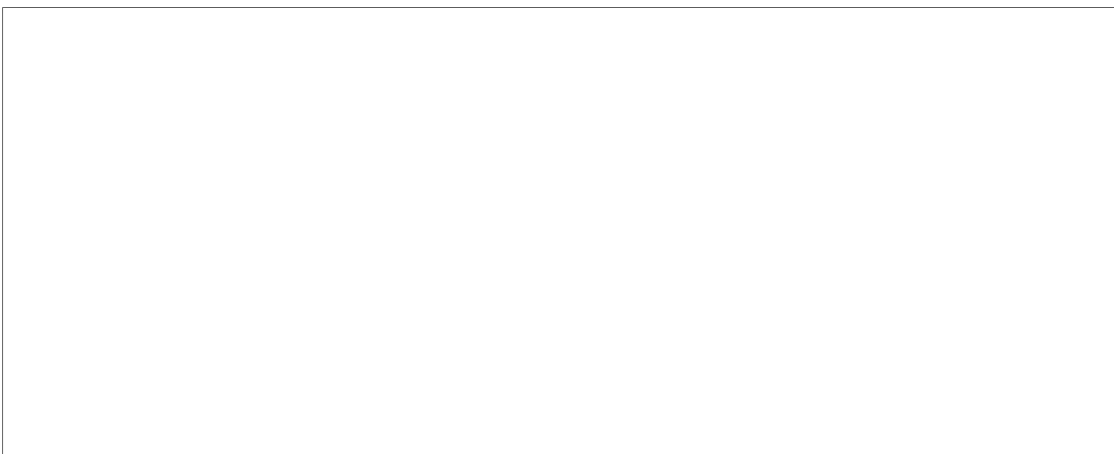
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#### 1. (SBU) Key Points and Comment

- The UAE formally condemned the December 13 Senate resolution assigning responsibility to Saudi Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman Al Saud for the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. It affirmed solidarity with Saudi Arabia and rejected attempts to undermine Saudi Arabia's position and regional status.
- There has been no other substantive UAEG reaction to the Senate vote. In recent informal interactions with high-ranking Emirati officials, the subject has not come up.

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points and comment.

3. (U) Following the December 13 votes by the U.S. Senate to end support for the war in Yemen and to hold Saudi Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman Al Saud (MbS) responsible for the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, there was no substantive reaction in the UAE. Indeed, local media carried no coverage of the votes. Instead, news of the Hudaydah ceasefire agreed in Sweden on December 13 dominated foreign affairs coverage.

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4. (U) Saudi Arabia issued a statement on December 17 condemning the Senate vote, which was covered in UAE media. The following day, the UAE Ministry of Foreign affairs issued its own brief statement affirming full solidarity with Saudi Arabia. It rejected interference in the Kingdom's internal affairs or leadership for any reason and rejected any unfounded allegations and accusations that could harm Saudi Arabia's fundamental role as a major power ensuring security and stability in the Arab and Muslim worlds. The Federal National Council, UAE's proto-parliament, issued a complementary statement largely echoing these sentiments. Outside of these statements, there has been no other significant public discussion of the Senate vote, including in social media.

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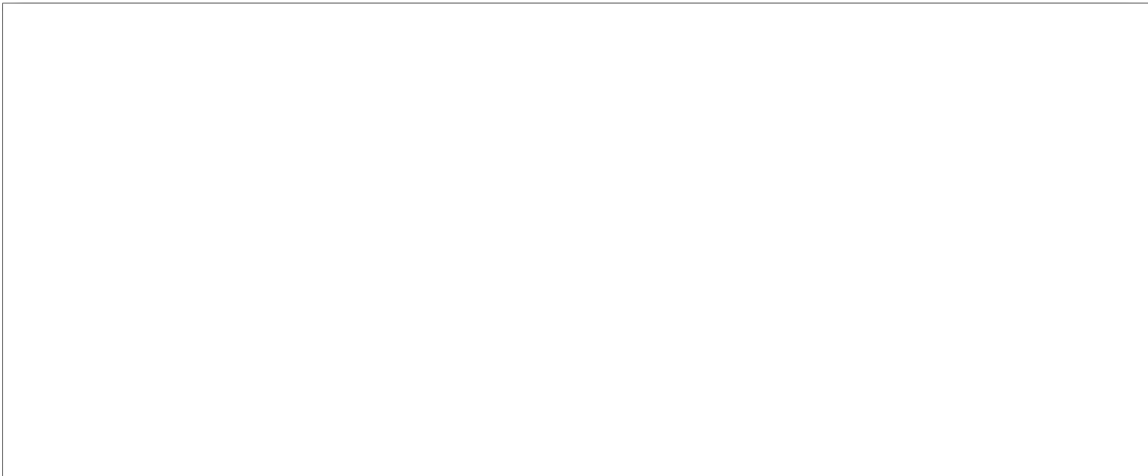


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**Turkey Daily Note**  
**January 30, 2019**

Key Headlines

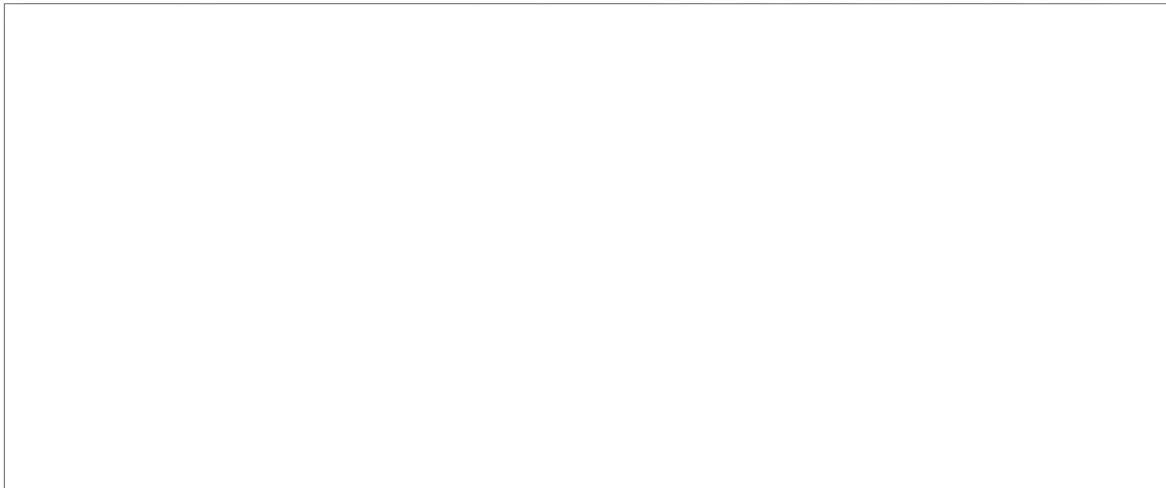


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**(U) Khashoggi Case Returns to Turkish Media Headlines**

(U) Turkish media has been buzzing for two days over the visit of Agnes Callamard, the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. Callamard met on January 29 with Istanbul's Chief Public Prosecutor Irfan Fidan to discuss the murder case of Jamal Khashoggi. Sensational Turkish headlines have followed the alleged Saudi denial to Callamard's request to access the Saudi Consulate. Callamard downplayed the denial, saying her visit request had been late and required time to process. Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) slammed the Saudis for denying her access and demanded an international investigation.

(SBU) Comment: Predictably, Turkish officials and media are using daily updates on Callamard's visit to keep attention on the case and pressure on Saudi authorities.



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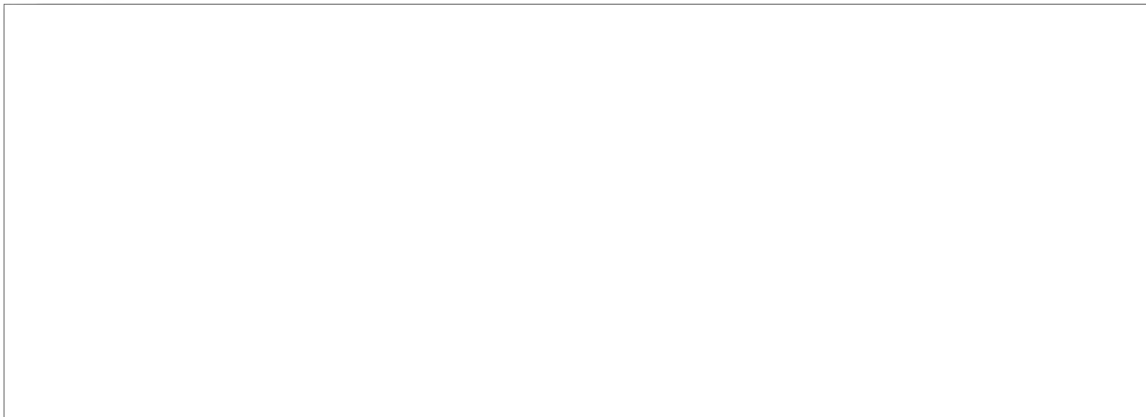
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**Turkey Daily Note**  
**January 29, 2019**

**Key Headlines**

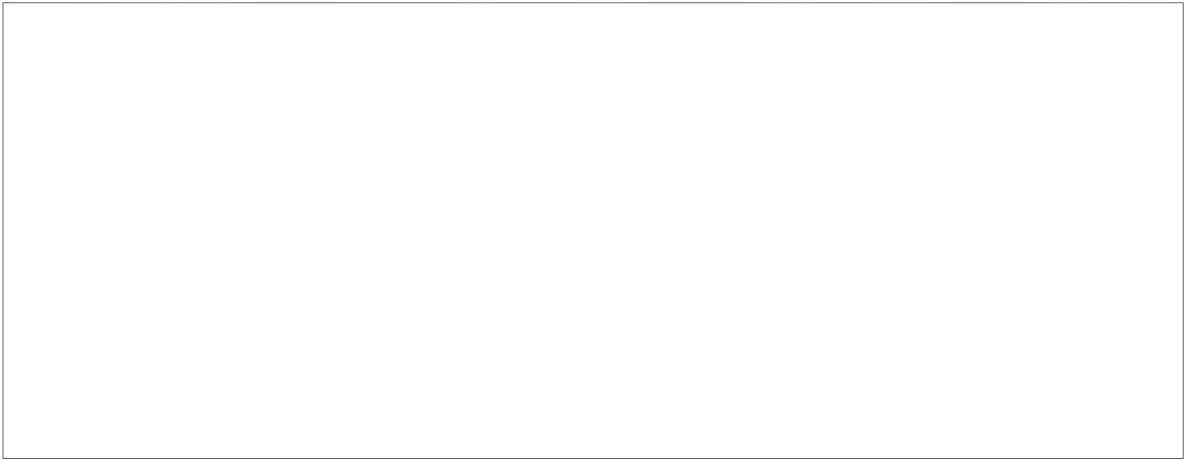


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**(U) UN Special Rapporteur Visits Turkey for Khashoggi Case**

(U) On January 28, Foreign Minister Cavusoglu met with Agnes Callamard, the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. Callamard is leading an international inquiry into the killing of Jamal Khashoggi and will be in Turkey through February 3. She is scheduled to meet Justice Minister Abdulhamit Gul and Irfan Fidan, Istanbul's chief public prosecutor. Callamard told Turkish media that she embarked on the trip at her own initiative as she saw no indication that the "UN intends to demand officially or implement an international criminal investigation."

*(SBU) Comment: Despite Callamard's effort to manage expectations, Turkish officials will likely tout her visit as a next step towards an international investigation, which Turkish officials have urged as part of their public pressure on Saudi Arabia.*



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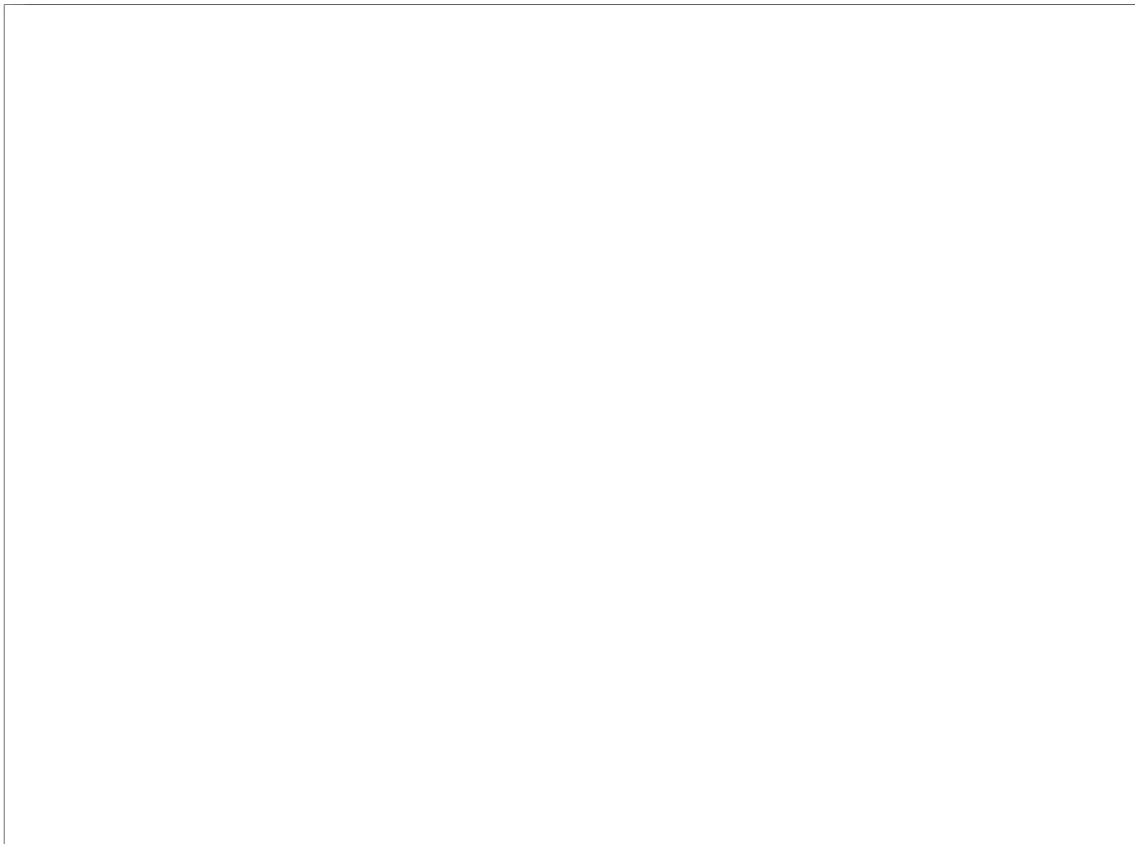
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**Turkey Daily Note**  
**December 6, 2018**

Key Headlines



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**(U) Istanbul Prosecutor Issues Arrest Warrants in Khashoggi Case**

(U) An Istanbul court on December 5 issued arrest warrants for two former Saudi officials in connection with the investigation into the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. The Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office called for the arrest of Saud al-Qahtani, a top aide to Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman, and Ahmed al-Asiri, a former deputy intelligence chief. On the same day, Foreign Minister Cavusoglu said Turkey will not hesitate to seek an international route if the investigation hits a dead end.

*(SBU) Comment: While there is little chance the Saudis will extradite the two named suspects, the continuing investigation allows Turkey to maintain public pressure on Saudi Arabia and the Crown Prince in both diplomatic channels and in the court of public opinion.*

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**Turkey Daily Note  
December 7, 2018**

**Key Headlines**

**Khashoggi Case: Istanbul Court Issues Arrest Warrant for Alleged Saudi Istanbul Station Chief**

(U) An Istanbul court issued an arrest warrant on December 6 for Ahmed Abdullah al-Muzaini, the former Saudi Deputy Consul General and allegedly the former chief of intelligence at the Consulate General in Istanbul, in relation to his alleged role in Khashoggi's killing. According to Turkish officials, al-Muzaini served as a "courier" between Istanbul and Riyadh in the period prior to the killing. This warrant comes a day after the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office called for the arrest of Saud al-Qahtani, a top aide to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and Ahmed al-Asiri, former Deputy Chief of the Saudi Mabathith intelligence service.

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1. (SBU) **SUMMARY:** The 73rd session of the United Nations Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Affairs Committee, referred to as the Third Committee (3C), completed action on 53 resolutions on November 2; 32 were adopted by consensus.

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### **Shining a Light on Human-Rights Violations**

3. (SBU) Since we are no longer on the UN Human Rights Council, we used our 3C interventions and our interactive dialogues with Special Rapporteurs and Experts to make strong statements about human-rights violations, to show our continued commitment to promoting and protecting human rights and to demonstrate the committee's importance as a platform to illuminate human-rights abuses around the world. During the October 3C meetings, we condemned [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and the increasing threats against human-rights defenders and media workers, including denouncing the October 2 murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi at Saudi Arabia's embassy in Istanbul. [REDACTED]

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**(SBU) Czechs Withdraw Diplomat From Embassy in Riyadh Over Khashoggi Killing:**

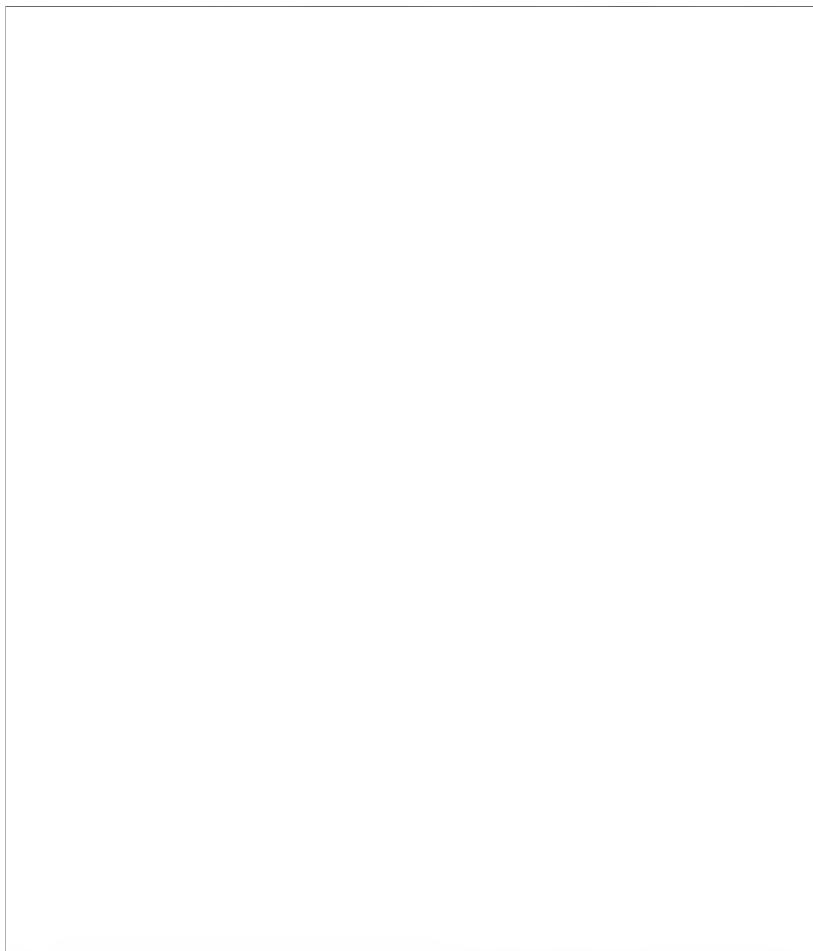
The Foreign Ministry withdrew a Czech diplomat from the embassy in Riyadh in response to the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul earlier this month. FM Petricek called attacks on journalists “unacceptable,” and added that “free societies cannot exist without independent media.” Petricek also said other actions would be coordinated at the European level. *The decision to recall the diplomat was somewhat surprising and likely represents an effort by the FM to demonstrate his commitment to more vigorously reinsert human rights into Czech foreign policy. Czech relations with Saudi Arabia are not particularly deep, so there was less risk to take a stand in this case, particularly given the strong retraction already taken by Germany.*

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**(SBU) Czechs Support EU Statement on Khashoggi, Stop Short of Suspending Arms Sales:** Foreign Minister Tomas Petricek said the Czech government fully supports the EU joint statement demanding clarity on and investigation into Khashoggi's death, but will decide on whether to join Germany in suspending arms sales once a review is completed, signaling the Czechs are prepared to explore joint coordination within the EU on arms exports to Saudi Arabia. Czech arms exports to Saudi Arabia totaled around \$35 million last year, double the total of 2016. FM Petricek is scheduled to meet the Saudi Ambassador in Prague October 24. *As foreign policy portfolios are shuffled with the arrival of the new FM, FM Petricek appears to have the lead on this issue.*

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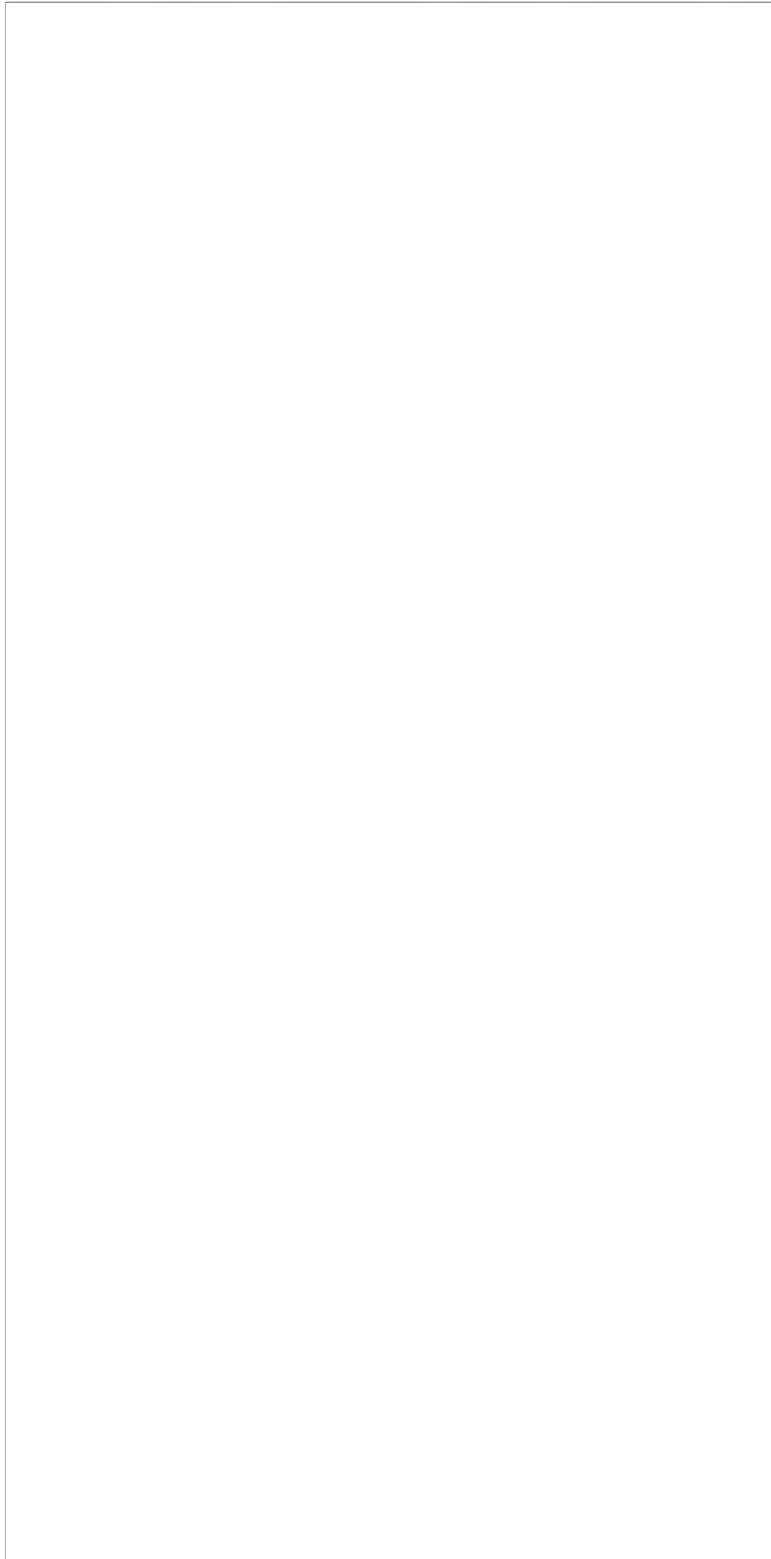
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**Arab League Weekly Roundup  
November 12, 2018**

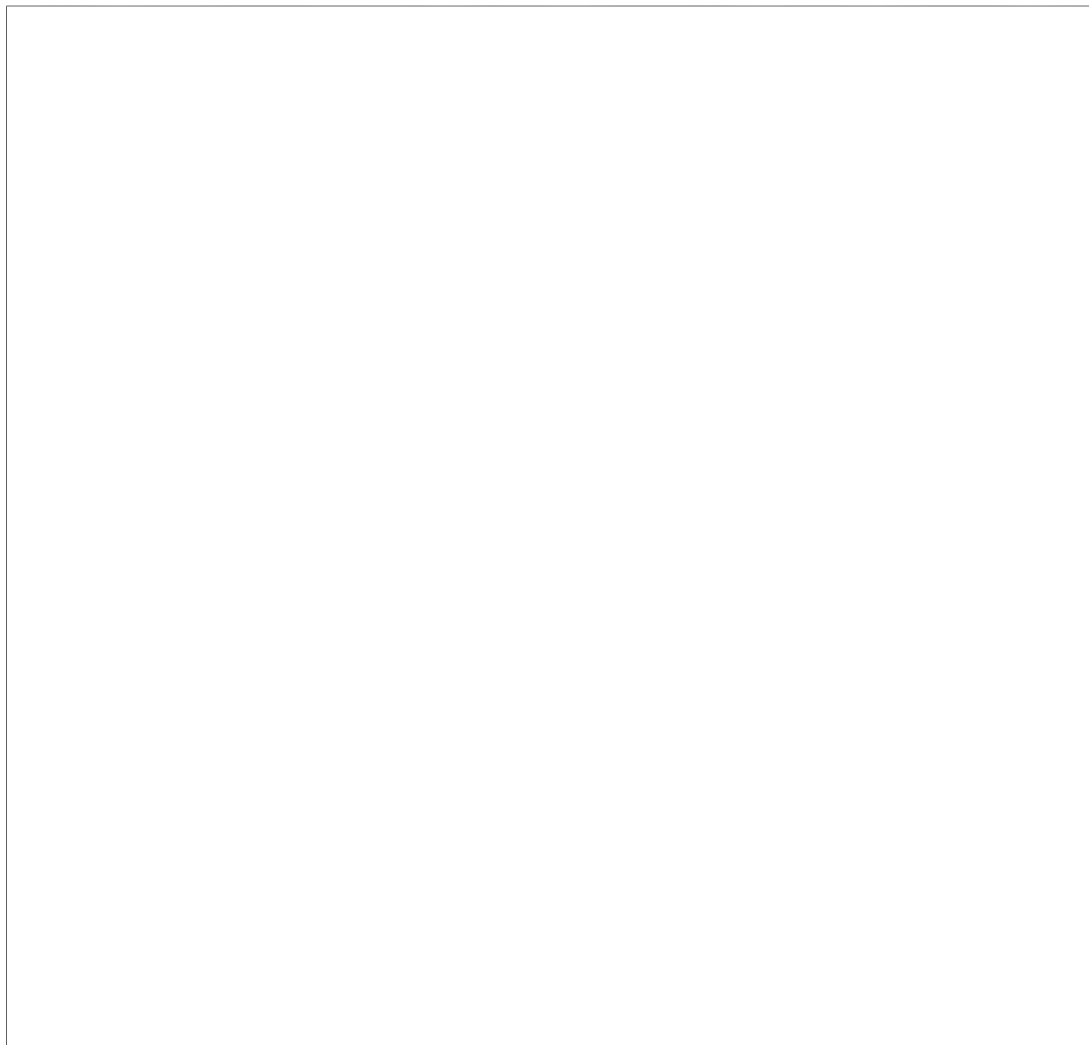
**Brief:** Arab League Secretary-General (AL SYG) Ahmed Aboul Gheit urged Libyan parties to reach a consensus on political, constitutional and electoral steps aspired to by the Libyan people. The Arab League (AL) welcomed the Saudi investigation into Jamal Khashoggi's murder. AL rejected attempts by any party to politicize or exploit this issue or to threaten economic sanctions against Saudi Arabia. AL called on Brazilian President-elect Jair Bolsonaro to revoke his decision to relocate the Brazilian embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. AL condemned an assault by Israeli forces on Coptic Christian monks taking part in a protest in occupied East Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Iraqi [Former] Foreign Minister Ibrahim Al-Jaafari urged the AL to accept Syria's membership once again. AL denounced the United States' decision to merge its embassy with the Consulate General, which serves the Palestinians. European and Arab leaders urged the enhancement of collaboration between the two rapidly changing regions in order to deal with common challenges. The Arab League and China agreed to strengthen cooperation in the field of natural gas, renewables and energy efficiency

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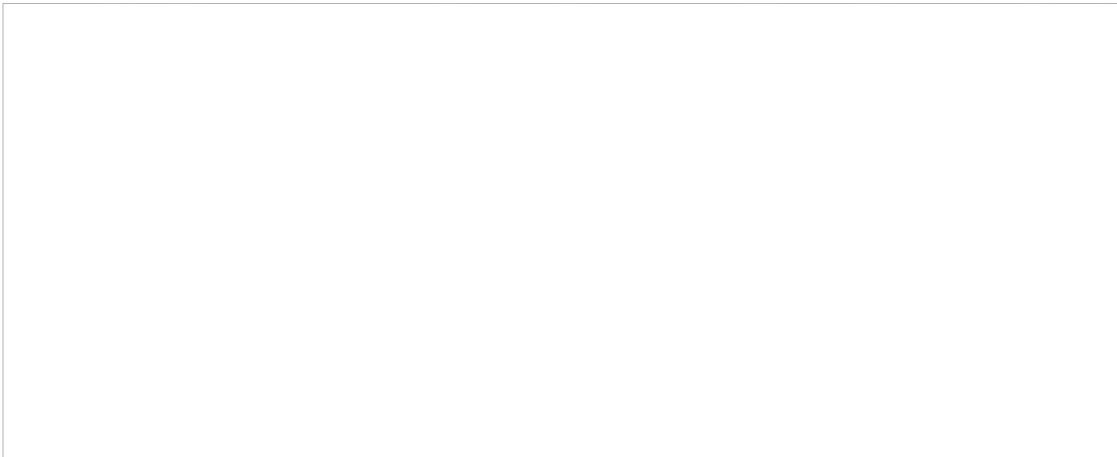


**AL welcomes Saudi Investigation into Khashoggi Case**

The AL General Secretariat on October 21 welcomed the Royal Orders issued by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia, and the statement issued by the Attorney General regarding the case of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. The AL praised the investigations carried out by the Kingdom so far, "which indicate the keenness of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to clarify the reality of events in the case and to take the necessary legal action."

In a statement, the AL expressed deepest condolences to the families and relatives of the Saudi journalist and reaffirmed its statement issued on October 14 rejecting attempts by any party to politicize or exploit this issue or to threaten economic sanctions against Saudi Arabia or unilateral measures in any form against Saudi Arabia, which remains a key pillar of security and stability at the regional and international levels.

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**Arab League Weekly Roundup  
November 21, 2018**

**Brief:** The Arab League (AL) denounced Israeli military aggression in Gaza and called on the UN Security Council to assume its responsibility in maintaining international peace and security and adopting a position on Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people. The AL commended Egypt's efforts to reach a ceasefire agreement and achieve Palestinian national reconciliation. AL Secretary General (SYG) Ahmed Aboul Gheit called for launching a real and fruitful partnership between governments and the private sector to achieve sustainable development. Special envoy of the AL SYG to Libya Salah al-Din al-Jammali said the AL is prepared to supervise elections in Libya in 2019. The AL expressed support for the measures taken by Saudi Arabia as part of the investigations regarding the murder of Saudi citizen Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey.

**Key Issues:**

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**AL Lauds Saudi Arabia Statement on Khashoggi Case**

The AL on November 17 expressed support for the measures taken by Saudi Arabia as part of the investigations regarding the murder of Saudi citizen Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey. In an official statement, the AL lauded the statement issued by the Saudi General Prosecutor, in which he stated that Saudi authorities had filed cases against a number of accused who were previously detained on suspicion. The statement said such measures reflected the great interest of Saudi Arabia in reaching those responsible of committing the murder and taking firm and decisive action against them. The AL underscored the importance of meeting the measures with reciprocal seriousness from the Turkish side to provide evidence on the case and meet the Saudi demand to form a joint mechanism for cooperation between the two countries in this regard.

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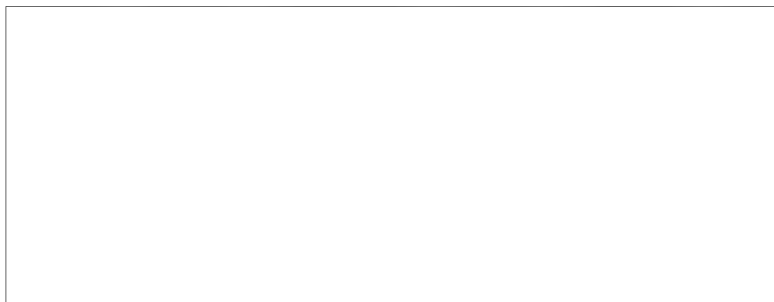
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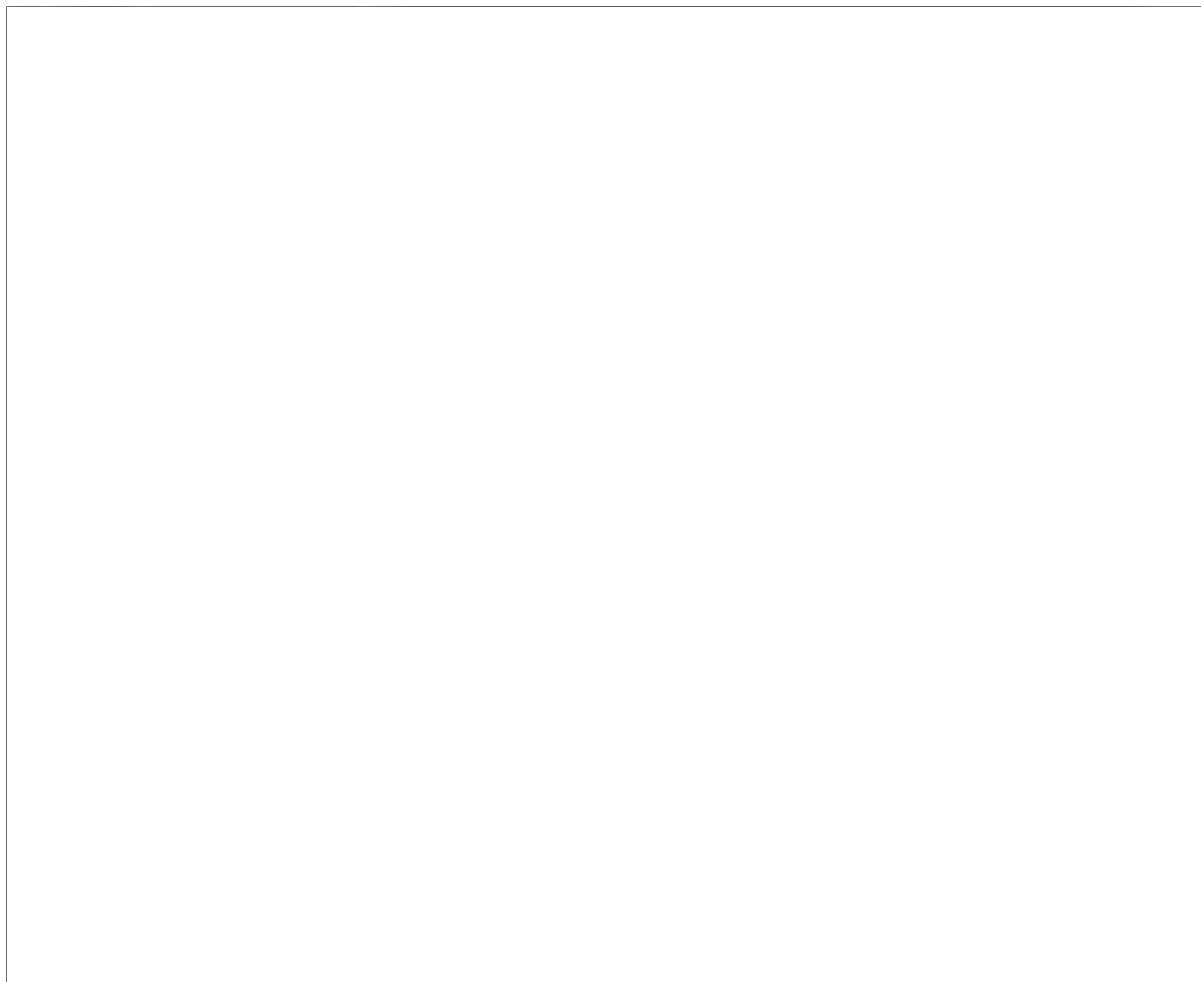
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**Arab League Weekly Roundup  
December 19, 2018**

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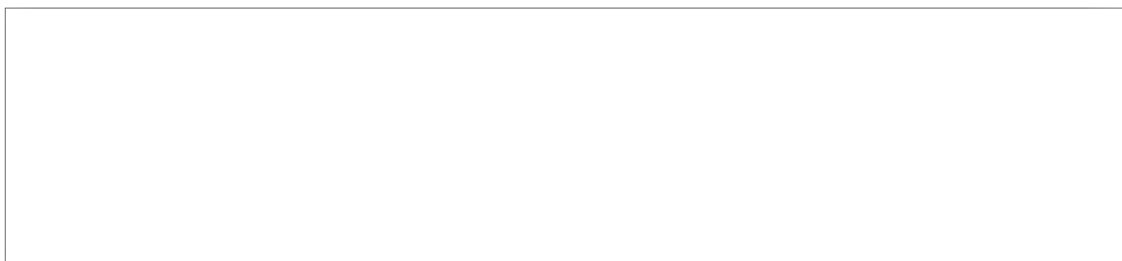
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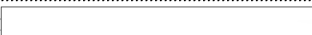


### EU to Raise Concerns about Saudi Arabia

EU leaders plan to use an upcoming EL summit to raise concerns with Saudi Arabia about the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi and the country's role in the Yemen conflict. Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar said on December 14 that EU leaders felt "we couldn't go the EU-Arab League summit in Sharm el-Sheikh in February and not talk about the Khashoggi murder or raise our concerns about it." Varadkar said leaders would also raise their concerns about Saudi Arabia's role in Yemen, where the four-year civil war has left thousands dead and brought the Arab world's poorest country to the brink of famine. Varadkar suggested some leaders had hesitated about whether to even go ahead with the Feb. 24-25 summit.



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**Ma Xiaolin, Beijing Foreign Studies University**

- Ma Xiaolin asserted that China's interest in the Middle East is primarily economic, focusing on energy supplies, markets for Chinese products, and the region's strategic location at the intersection of Europe and Asia.
- Nevertheless, China, Ma noted, has also found the Middle East countries to be important partners in international organizations, such as the United Nations, and on security issues, particularly those related to Xinjiang.
  - Some Chinese Uighurs joined terrorist organizations in Syria, but it is very difficult to find these individuals, according to Ma, given their ability to blend into the local population, according to Ma.
  - Ma compared the counterterrorism cooperation in the Middle East to that in Central Asia, where China was successful in establishing the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to root out terrorism.
- Ma predicted that the murder of Khashoggi would have limited impact on the China-Saudi relationship given that in his view, Saudi royal family's involvement in the killing remained unclear and Saudi Arabia remained an important partner and crude oil provider to China.
- Ma considered the Asad government's victory in Syria as more or less complete, asserting it

was in the interests of all parties, including the United States, for the conflict to end.

- Sudanese President Bashir's recent visit to Syria, he said, the first visit in seven years by Arab countries since 2011, indicated the Arab League's efforts to improve its relationship with the Asad government, he said.
- To put an end to Syria conflicts is to the best interests to all parties, including the U.S. Assad administration needs Iran to fight its opposition party. But the U.S. says it won't participate in Syria reconstruction if Iran stays.
- The great challenge, he said, will be reconstruction and the reintegration of 100,000 military personnel.

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**October 18, 2019—Third Committee Consideration of Item 74 (a-d), Human Rights****Chair of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances**

The Chair said there are 541 urgent action cases filed with the Committee and added that a booklet on urgent action procedures has been published. Associations of relatives have been helpful to the committee, and governments need to keep families in the loop when tracking those who have disappeared. He stressed that disappearances aren't a phenomena of the past or something limited to regional flashpoints.

Only five countries participated in the interactive dialogue, including **Japan**, which called enforced disappearances a "gross violation of human rights," and **Iraq**, which invited the Committee to visit Iraq.

**Chair of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances**

The Chair said enforced disappearances are a crime in many countries and said it was necessary to "find remedies to weed out this evil." Some are carried out under the guise of counter-terrorism to gather intelligence. Undercover extraterritorial abductions occur—sometimes with the acquiescence of the host country, sometimes without it. He said that families and NGOs are often the only voices calling for solutions, and they are often targets of threats and reprisals. He cited the example of the Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, calling his disappearance "only one among thousands of cases we are witnessing" and asserting that enforced disappearances "an affront to human dignity and the fundamental principles of the UN. This has to stop."

In the interactive dialogue, the **United States** cited disappearances in **Crimea**, **Syria**, **Nicaragua**, **Iran**, **Burundi** and **China**.

**Ukraine** cited the "continuing problem of enforced disappearances in the occupied territory of Crimea and Sebastopol." **Syria** claimed the United States has hidden victims in airplanes and blasted the country for its hypocrisy. **Iran** said it's necessary to "shed light on CIA-run prisons around the world run by the regime in Washington."

**China** said it respects the “judicial sovereignty of each country” and doesn’t interfere in other country’s affairs. It referred to the U.S. statement in the dialogue, which mentioned human-rights issues in Xinjiang, and claimed it was fighting terrorists and separatists in the region. China said it is offering them “rehabilitation and redemption” and giving them “free vocational skills in institutions.” The Chinese delegate called Xinjiang “generally stable,” said there have been no attacks in the last 21 months and pronounced religious extremism “contained.”

### **Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons**

The Special Rapporteur said at the end of 2017, there were 40 million IDPs around the world. He said transitional justice was important in dealing with IDPs and listed three priorities: participation of IDPs, law and policies on IDPs, and data and analysis on IDPs.

In the interactive dialogue, the U.S. statement referred to the country as a “champion of human rights” and pointed out IDP issues in **Burma** and **Syria**. (The Chair reminded the U.S. to use official names of states.)

**Syria** said it provided IDPs with full support and rehabilitation and was working with other countries, the UN, Syrian NGOs and foreign NGOs to address the IDP problem. Syria blasted the U.S. description of itself as a “champion,” saying champions respect international law and do not exacerbate tensions. **Libya** said it had a special ministry to deal with IDP issues and allowed IDPs to return “in full security.” **Iraq** claimed it ensured the security of IDPs and compensated them for losses. **Georgia** raised concerns about IDPs in its Russian-occupied territories. **Russia** said international entities working with IDPs “should only do so with the consent of host countries” and claimed the Georgian territories in question were in fact independent states, not part of Georgia.

### **Chair of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families**

The Chair emphasized that migrants are essential to development and leave their home countries for many reasons, including economic hardship, violence, discrimination, bad governance and environmental degradation. “Migration should be a positive experience,” he said. “Migration should be a choice, not a solution prompted by despair.” The world needs a long-term, lasting solution, and he hopes the International Compact on Migration will be adopted by the end of the year. He said that “member states should do all they can to end detention of children” and spoke of the need for civil society to carry out its work without fear of reprisal. The Chair emphasized that to effect change at national and international levels, there needs to be a strong political will to protect migrants, but this does not exist now. He added that while states have the right to protect their borders, they must also respect the human rights of migrants.

In the interactive dialogue, **Libya** said on this issue, it was a “victim of accusations in all international fora.” The delegate said it condemned the illegal trafficking of humans and drugs



that occurred within its borders and accused international crime networks of taking advantage of Libya's "fragile" security situation. He rejected the way Libya was portrayed in international reports and expressed frustration that these reports ignored the same issues occurring in Libya's neighboring countries.

#### **Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants**

The Special Rapporteur focused on effective access to justice for migrants, including the right to legal aid, the right to interpreters and the right to consular assistance. No migrant should be returned without proper screening and legal access, which he said doesn't happen in many countries. He added that migrants should not be criminalized and automatic detention is contrary to international law.

In the interactive dialogue, most countries agreed with the Special Rapporteur's focus on assistance to justice. **Cuba** condemned the "unjustifiable act of imprisoning children in cages." **Venezuela's** delegate claimed that migrants are "never the victims of xenophobia or racism" in his country.

#### **Discussion of Item 74 (continued)**

**Vietnam** said the world is "witnessing rise of confrontation" today and complained that "some delegates criticize other member states." **Qatar** argued that "the sanctions imposed against us are a violation of human rights." **Bangladesh** said it had "opened its borders to helpless Rohingya, the most persecuted people in the world." **Rwanda** recently launched its first action plan for human rights and is working to create an inclusive society.

The delegate from **Monaco** said the last execution in Monaco was in 1847 and "the Principality is committed to abolishing the death penalty at the international level."

**Syria** criticized the coercive measures that are "imposed on millions in service of specific interests" and called for the Israeli withdrawal from Palestine. The Syrian delegate also condemned the "international coalition [that] has cost many lives, particularly women and children" and destroyed the nation's infrastructure. "We urge states who care for the Syrian people to leave this coalition," he said. He also called for "our citizens' return to dignity."

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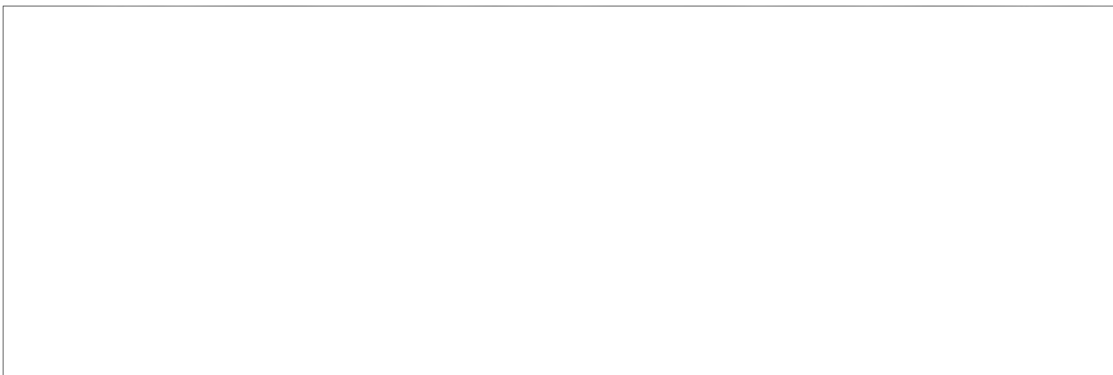
**(SBU) President Widodo Calls for Probe of Khashoggi Death during Meeting with Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister:** Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi told reporters that Indonesian

President Joko Widodo (“Jokowi”) called for a “transparent and thorough” investigation of the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi at an October 22 meeting with Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir. She said Jokowi received Al-Jubeir at the Presidential Palace in Bogor, where he expressed concern over the Khashoggi case. Marsudi declined to publicly provide details of Al-Jubeir’s response. Marsudi and Al-Jubeir are scheduled to hold talks as part of the 1st Indonesian-Saudi Arabian Joint Commission Bilateral Meeting on October 23. According to local press reports, Indonesia’s Alliance of Independent Journalists called on the international community to monitor the legal process surrounding the investigation of Khashoggi’s alleged murder. POL will report on the visit via cable. (Drafted by POL:

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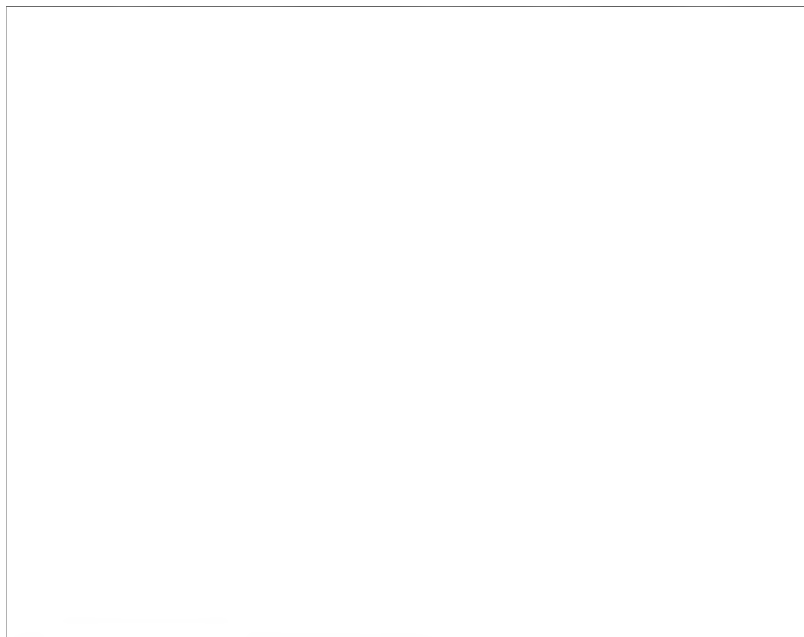
**(SBU) Saudi FM to Visit Malaysia:** MFA contacts confirmed rumors that the Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir is planning to visit Kuala Lumpur October 26. Officials described the meeting request as “last minute,” and decisions on meetings within the Malaysian government are still pending. In separate comments to the media, Malaysian PM Mahathir described the recent murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi as a “unacceptable act of tyranny,” while Malaysian FM Saifuddin took a neutral tone on the issue, saying Malaysia would have to wait for an investigation to be completed before deciding on any actions. (POL: )

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**(SBU) Czechs Support EU Statement on Khashoggi, Stop Short of Suspending Arms**

**Sales:** Foreign Minister Tomas Petricek said the Czech government fully supports the EU joint statement demanding clarity on and investigation into Khashoggi's death, but will decide on whether to join Germany in suspending arms sales once a review is completed, signaling the Czechs are prepared to explore joint coordination within the EU on arms exports to Saudi Arabia. Czech arms exports to Saudi Arabia totaled around \$35 million last year, double the total of 2016. FM Petricek is scheduled to meet the Saudi Ambassador in Prague October 24. *As foreign policy portfolios are shuffled with the arrival of the new FM, FM Petricek appears to have the lead on this issue.*

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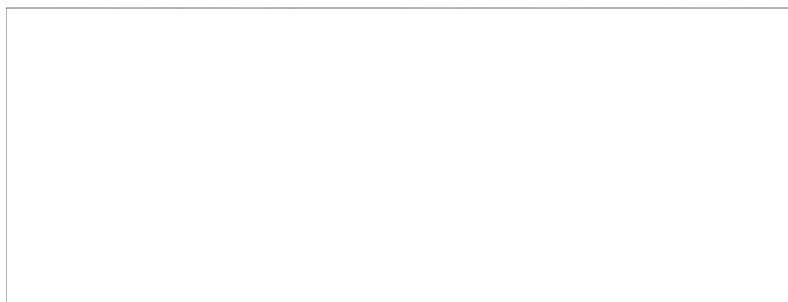


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